

4 per cent or \$36,000 covers travelling expenses of survey teams engaged on various health surveys—for example, nutrition surveys, occupational health surveys, dental health surveys, and so on.

Finally, 8 per cent or \$83,000 covers travelling expenses of senior departmental officers at headquarters, who have to move about throughout Canada or, in some cases, have to move overseas in the course of departmental duties.

Mr. BROOME: What was the figure for fuel and oil again?

Dr. DAVIDSON: 8 per cent or \$75,000—266 vehicles.

Mr. HALES: When it comes to the final analysis who authorizes and who says, "Should a person go here or there"? Who finally gives the okay as to whether they should or should not go?

The CHAIRMAN: Could you take a particular category?

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): I authorized Dr. Willard to go to Manitoba last week. His travelling expenses for that would come out of this last figure.

Dr. DAVIDSON: That is right.

Mr. HALES: In one particular department would it be the head of that department, and would one have to consult with the head of that department whether it was all right or not?

Dr. DAVIDSON: The head of the unit, rather than the head of the department.

Our regional director in Manitoba for family allowances and old age security will authorize the travel of an employee in that office, if they have to go to the northern part of Manitoba, on an old age security or family allowance enquiry. At headquarters, at departmental head level, it will be doctor Morrell or Dr. Moore who will authorize that travel. All air travel has to be authorized by the deputy ministers.

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): I might point out that several of our staff have given service in other countries, assisting in the setting up of Departments of Health, or revising them, and this sort of thing. Under those circumstances their travel expenses are not charged to the department.

Mr. HALES: This 14 per cent with respect to removal of officials. We discussed a similar situation with the Department of National Defence, concerning their removals. Through suggestions of the estimates committee they set a certain maximum figure. I suppose that would not be possible in this department?

Dr. DAVIDSON: All removal expenses, so far as our departmental officers are concerned, relate to removal of a very substantial distance—say, to an Indian Hospital in the north country or to a post overseas, in the case of immigration medical officers, or from one provincial headquarters to another.

I think I can assure you that nobody has received removal expenses within the city of Ottawa, as far as those expenses are concerned.

Mr. MCGEE: 70 odd food and drug inspectors represent a component of this. I wonder if we could take the fourteenth person appearing on that list and select, say, the month of March, and have a look at the expenses for him. Would that be possible?

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): Sure.

Mr. BROOME: I think Dr. Davidson said that fuel and oil cost \$75,000 for 266 vehicles. That amounts to \$280 a year, which is less than \$25 a month for fuel, gas, grease, and so on. This would indicate that either the department is very practical in buying cars which have high mileage characteristics—

Dr. DAVIDSON: That is correct.

Mr. BROOME: —or else the cars are not being driven very much.