

Questions

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

1. Crop Year	Amount Paid
1960-61	\$11,029,116
1961-62	54,070,578
1962-63	15,503,921
1963-64	9,679,527
1964-65	12,724,525
1965-66	5,118,864
1966-67	3,142,315
1967-68	8,888,550
1968-69	8,316,987
1969-70	5,230,281

2.

Crop Year	Paid by Farmers	Paid by Federal Government
1960-61	\$ 6,941,094	\$ 4,088,022
1961-62	6,839,498	47,231,080
1962-63	8,614,424	6,889,497
1963-64	10,736,292	Nil
1964-65	10,454,092	2,272,452
1965-66	10,331,386	Nil
1966-67	11,674,082	Nil
1967-68	10,106,186	Nil
1968-69	5,917,382	2,399,605
1969-70	5,451,832	Nil

3. All farmers in the Prairie Provinces who do not purchase crop insurance policies under federally supported, provincially operated crop insurance programs or who are not otherwise excluded by the Prairie Farm Assistance Act and Regulations may become eligible for PFAA. payments.

4. This information will not be available until seeding of insurable crops is completed in the Prairie Provinces.

VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Question No. 1,255—**Mr. Goode:**

What was the number of aircraft movements at Vancouver International Airport for each year 1968, 1969 and 1970?

Mr. Gérard Duquet (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): The number of aircraft movements at Vancouver International Airport for the following years were: 1968, 152,642; 1969, 169,602; 1970, 149,521.

COMPLAINTS UNDER THE FEMALE EMPLOYEES
EQUAL PAY ACTQuestion No. 1,265—**Mr. Fairweather:**

1. How many complaints have been made by virtue of the Female Employees Equal Pay Act since Parliament passed the Act in 1956?

2. What is the average period of time taken to settle claims under the Act?

[Mr. Thomson.]

3. What is the longest period of time taken to settle a claim under the Act?

4. Are plans being considered which would facilitate processing and disposition of claims?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): 1. Eighteen.
2. Average period of time elapsing from receipt of complaints to date final action is taken: approximately 23 weeks.

3. Fifty-one weeks.

4. Bill C-228 now before Parliament proposes to repeal the Female Employees Equal Pay Act, and include equal pay legislation as an amendment to the Canada Labour (Standards) Code. These legislative changes, and related administrative changes, will facilitate the handling of complaints.

HALIFAX HARBOUR—FIRE BOATS

Question No. 1,285—**Mr. McCleave:**

1. Is a fire boat being built for use in Halifax Harbour and, if so, what design will be used?

2. Who is the owner of the design, and what was paid for its use by the government?

3. What is the age of other vessels built on this design?

4. Were Canadians approached to determine whether designs were available in this country and, if so, who are they?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): 1. No.

2, 3 and 4. Not applicable.

COST OF BUTTER STORAGE

Question No. 1,294—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

What was the total paid by the Canadian Dairy Commission for the storage of butter during the fiscal years 1968-1969 and 1969-1970 to (a) Coopérative Agricole de Granby, (b) Vermette et Fils, Saint-Agapit, Québec?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): The total paid for storage of butter was \$972,493.93 in 1968-69 and \$1,659,645.68 in 1969-70. Details of payments to individuals or firms are confidential.

LIFT PROGRAM

Question No. 1,298—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

1. What was the total paid by the government to Western farmers during the fiscal year 1970-1971 under the seed-bed reduction program?

2. In 1970, what was the total number of acres not seeded under this program?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): 1. \$57,310,319.

2. Farmers who submitted applications for payments under this program reported that their 1970 acreage seeded to wheat was 11,833,932 acres less than their acreage seeded to that crop in 1969.