Questions

4. What was the proportion of the savings bonds bought by individuals?

5. What was the proportion bought by financial institutions?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance): 1. As at January 15, 1969 the total amount of Government of Canada Direct and Guaranteed Debt outstanding was \$23,574 million.

2. Of this amount, Canada Savings Bonds accounted for \$6,361 million.

3. At December 31, 1968 there were \$6,892,000 of matured Victory Bonds outstanding. This total is included in 1 above.

4. Due to the very large sales volume of the 1968/69 Canada Savings Bond Series, the register is still in the process of being prepared and consequently it is not possible at this time to differentiate quantitatively between Canada Savings Bonds bought by individuals and by institutions. However, it is known that individuals account for the great majority of purchases.

5. Not available.

OLD AGE SECURITY RECIPIENTS OUTSIDE CANADA

Question No. 1,156-Mr. Godin:

1. What is the total number of Canadians outside Canada who are recipients of Old Age Security?

2. What is the total number in (a) the United States (b) Britain (c) Europe (d) Poland (e) Russia (f) other countries?

[Translation]

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. For November 1968, 13,290.

2. Statistics not available.

[English]

*UNIVERSITY SUPPORT FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH TELESCOPE PROJECT

Question No. 1,162-Mr. Diefenbaker:

1. Has there been a request from the Universities of Calgary, Alberta, Lethbridge, Victoria, British Columbia, Simon Fraser and Notre Dame to have consideration given to revive construction plans for the Queen Elizabeth telescope project?

2. If so, will the government give its support thereto and in particular will it agree to turn over the Mount Kobau assets to a consortium of the above and other universities?

Mr. R. J. Orange (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): 1. Yes.

[Mr. Matte.]

2. The matter is under consideration by the government at present.

CAMP BORDEN SITE FOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Question No. 1,163-Mr. Noble:

Has the government considered using the thirty square miles of Crown land at Camp Borden as a site for the proposed new international airport?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): The Department of Transport has not, as yet, undertaken a site selection program in connection with the new Toronto Airport. The Department is, however, aware of the existence of the Crown owned property in the Camp Borden area and this area will, along with others, be given consideration as a possible site.

DISTRIBUTION OF CANADA PENSION PLAN PAMPHLET

Question No. 1,165-Mr. Aiken:

1. How many copies were printed of the pamphlet "Canada Pension Plan—Contribution Tables No. 3— January 1, 1969" by the Department of National Revenue?

2. What is the approximate cost of printing and distributing this pamphlet?

3. Except for a slight adjustment in the maximum contribution, were there any changes from the 1968 pamphlet?

4. Why was the whole pamphlet reprinted, rather than noting the maximum change by circular?

Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister of National Revenue): 1. 500,000 in English and 10,000 in French.

2. Cost of printing was approximately 9 cents per copy in English and 10 cents per copy in French. Distribution cost was approximately 5 cents per copy.

3. Yes. The examples shown on pages 9 and 10 of the booklet were revised and the instructions on pages 39, 40 and 41 were rewritten.

4. Changes in the instructions and examples were necessary in order to provide employers with up-to-date information. This could have been accomplished either by issuing a circular or by issuing a revised contribution table. It was decided to issue revised tables because it has been found that the use of inserts or circulars to update regulatory instructions has proven generally unsatisfactory.