

Questions

SUPPLY AND SERVICES—PURCHASE OF SUNGLASSES

Question No. 1,698—**Mr. McQuaid:**

Has the Department of Supply and Services recently awarded a contract to Safety Distributor Products Ltd. for the purchase of sunglasses and, if so (a) how many pairs of sunglasses are involved and what is the price per pair (b) to which departments will the sunglasses be distributed?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): (a) and (b) Yes. On July 16, 1971 a contract was awarded to the lowest tenderer, Safety Distribution Products, Ltd., for the supply of sunglasses for delivery to DND depots in the amounts, prices and locations as follows: 5,500 pairs at \$4.80 each to Downsview; 2,500 pairs at \$4.82 each to Moncton, and 3,000 pairs at \$4.84 each to Lancaster Park, Alberta.

OPERATION LIFT PROGRAM

Question No. 1,806—**Mr. Schumacher:**

1. Since the inception of the Operation Lift program (a) how much money has been paid out (b) how many farmers have received payment and what is the total amount of each such payment (c) how many farmers have been asked to return moneys paid to them under the program and what are the reasons for such requests to return payments?

2. Were errors in payments made and, if so, who was responsible?

3. How much money has been returned by farmers found by the government to be ineligible for payment?

4. How much money is still outstanding from farmers who the government alleges were not eligible for payment?

5. What recourse is planned for farmers unable or unwilling to return payments wrongly made by the administrators of the Operation Lift program?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): 1. (a) \$63,092,778.37 has been paid out to November 19, 1971; (b) 100,909 farmers have received \$63,092,778.37; (c) There has been correspondence with approximately 4,500 farmers concerning apparent overpayments. Reasons: a farmer made more than one application; separate applications were made by husband and wife; application included land that was not operated by the applicant in 1970; applicant was ineligible by virtue of being a non-resident; total acres operated by the farmer were greater or lesser than the number stated in the application form; use of acres was changed during 1970 or was incorrectly described by the applicant; mathematical errors by applicants in the preparation of Lift applications or permit books and/or by Lift staff in payment calculation.

2. Answered by 1 (c) above.

3. and 4. An amount of \$7,509 was paid to applicants who were ineligible for any payments and this amount is outstanding. Overpayments on record to eligible applicants as at November 19, 1971 amounted to \$532,351, of which \$128,547 has been returned by farmers.

5. The government will pursue normal collection procedures for the return of overpayments.

HEALTH AND WELFARE—LSD AND OTHER DRUGS

Question No. 1,825—**Mr. Robinson:**

Has or will the government obtain reliable information concerning (a) the extent and use of cannabis, LSD and other hallucinogen-

ic drugs (b) the effect the use of these drugs has on the individual (c) the effect they have on society (d) the effect that ease of control would have on detection and regulation (e) the effect any legal sanctions would have (f) the international implications of legalization?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): (a) A number of sources have already established data concerning the extent of marijuana usage and that of other psychotropic drugs. The final report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs is expected to give further information on this, as will some of the research programs funded by the Department of National Health and Welfare; (b) and (c) Similarly, the government already possesses information on the effect of psychotropic drugs on the individual and society, obtained both from national and international sources. Through the research program under the Department Co-ordinated Programs on the Non-Medical Use of Drugs additional information in this respect will be obtained; (d) (e) and (f) The effect of the application of control measures is a consideration underlying many programs. The government is looking at the many facets of this problem both inside the country and the impacts that our efforts have internationally, continuing liaison through the United Nations and other international groups.

RECYCLING OF PAPER

Question No. 1,896—**Mr. MacRae:**

As a conservation measure, which departments are re-cycling paper?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): In so far as Crown Assets Disposal Corporation is concerned: Waste and surplus paper from government departments in Ottawa is picked up by the Florence Paper Company under contract through Crown Assets Disposal Corporation. The paper is recycled by that company.

CANADA MANPOWER TRAINING PROGRAM

Question No. 1,968—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. What were the federal expenditures under the Canada Manpower Training Program, contracted with employers for the purpose of training-in-industry, in each of the fiscal years since 1967-68 (including the first six months of 1971-72) in each province and territory?

2. What were (a) the names and address of these employers (b) the amounts paid to each of them from the federal treasury under these contracts (c) in each case, the number of employees trained (d) the trade, skill or discipline in which the employees were trained?

3. What was (a) the total payroll in the plant where the training took place (b) the number of employees (excluding trainees) in the trade, skill or discipline in which training was conducted, in the plant where that training took place, at the end of each fiscal year in which a training contract with the employer was in effect?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. Federal Expenditures under the Canada Manpower Training Program, contracted with employers for the purpose of Training-in-Industry.