

Questions

Hon. A. J. MacEachen (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Health grants program:

1. 1964-65, 353; 1965-66, 381; 1966-67, 362.
2. 1964-65, \$4,262,952; 1965-66, 6,798,183; 1966-67, 5,239,909.
3. 1964-65, 205; 1965-66, 195; 1966-67, 224.
4. 1964-65, 84; 1965-66, 101; 1966-67, 62.
5. 1964-65, 57; 1965-66, 83; 1966-67, 76.

A few projects were cancelled, or altered, at the request of the researchers or their sponsoring provinces.

6. Research projects do not receive approval as submitted under the health grants program when they exceed the funds allocated for this purpose and when they are considered by appraisers, consultants and advisory committees to be poorly designed or unsound research.

Welfare grants program: 1. 1964-65, 20; 1965-66, 20; 1966-67, 44.

2. 1964-65, \$267,240; 1965-66, \$287,253; 1966-67, \$397,794.
3. 1964-65, 4; 1965-66, 8; 1966-67, 18.
4. 1964-65, 9; 1965-66, 3; 1966-67, 7.
5. 1964-65, 6; 1965-66, 8; 1966-67, 14.

6. (a) applicant unable to engage staff qualified to conduct the research; (b) terms and conditions of grant were met but no funds available; (c) purpose of project not of sufficient importance in relation to the objectives of the grant; (d) design not suitable to achieve purpose of the proposed research; (e) purpose of project was too broad and general; (f) submission was received too late for consideration by research advisory committee.

PAROLE OFFICERS, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

Question No. 300—Mr. Orlikow:

1. How many parole officers are employed by the Department of Justice, and what is their jurisdiction?

2. How many of these are trained social workers?

3. How many are university graduates in the social sciences?

4. Does the department make provisions for bursaries for the training of more parole officers and, if so, how many bursaries and for how much?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): 1. There are 74 parole officers employed by the National Parole Board, which now forms a part of the Department of the Solicitor General.

Parole officers interview inmates of penal and reform institutions, both federal and provincial, and investigate home conditions

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in order to appraise their prospects for rehabilitation in the light of conduct, industry, maturity and prospective community environments. They make comprehensive reports of their findings and make recommendations to the board.

Parole officers provide supervision for parolees either directly or indirectly through after care agencies. They are empowered to suspend parole and make recommendations for revocations, continuation or forfeiture of parole.

They also review applications for remission or suspension of court orders prohibiting operation of motor vehicles under the Criminal Code, conduct investigations and make dations to the board.

2. Thirty-three of these parole officers are trained social workers.

3. Thirty-nine are university graduates in the social sciences.

4. The department does not make provision for bursaries for the training of more parole officers. Rather, it promotes and encourages existing parole officers to improve their professional qualifications, particularly in the fields of social work and criminology. Departmental assistance takes the form of educational leave with pay and reimbursement of tuition fees.

PRISONERS IN PENITENTIARIES

Question No. 318—Mr. Diefenbaker:

1. How many prisoners were there in each of the penitentiaries in each of the years 1964, 1965 and 1966?

2. How many prisoners were released on parole in each of the said years?

Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General): 1. Inmate population as of December 31:

| Penitentiary | 1964 | 1965 | 1966 |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Newfoundland | 27 | 35 | 9 |
| Dorchester | 769 | 699 | 735 |
| St. Vincent de Paul | 1155 | 1185 | 1131 |
| Federal training centre | 401 | 399 | 258 |
| Leclerc | 587 | 586 | 561 |
| Cowansville | — | — | 149 |
| Kingston | 874 | 845 | 863 |
| Prison for women | 125 | 114 | 84 |
| Collins Bay | 649 | 645 | 632 |
| Joyceville | 504 | 519 | 515 |
| Manitoba | 587 | 584 | 462 |
| Saskatchewan | 766 | 805 | 693 |
| British Columbia | 985 | 946 | 642 |
| Matsqui (male) | — | — | 343 |
| (female) | — | — | 24 |
| Total | 7,429 | 7,362 | 7,101 |