

Starred Questions

\$886,711,147.56; January 31, 1956, \$885,542,-795.92; January 31, 1957, \$916,429,487.77; January 31, 1958, \$838,917,440.79; January 31, 1959, \$586,990,920.89; January 31, 1960, \$445,-885,387.32.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPLICATIONS

Question No. 30—Mr. Robichaud:

What was the total number of registered applicants for unemployment insurance benefits at the most recent date for which such figures are available to the commission, (a) for all unemployment insurance offices in Canada; (b) for all such offices in the Atlantic provinces; (c) for all offices in the province of New Brunswick?

Hon. Michael Starr (Minister of Labour): The answer to this question is as follows. The most recent date for which figures are available is January 31, 1960, and the figures for Canada are 782,542; for the Atlantic provinces 125,114, and for New Brunswick 38,424.

CUSTOMS ACT AMENDMENT, FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Question No. 31—Mr. Pickersgill:

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Hon. George C. Nowlan (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, the first question asks whether paragraph (b) of section 40 A (7) of the Customs Act has been proclaimed. The answer is no.

The hon. member also asked, second, whether representations have been made to the government requesting that this measure be proclaimed and, in that case, from which organizations and individuals. There have been numerous representations made to me and to the department by various members of parliament, by the British Columbia tree fruits association and various other growers, including the horticultural council. I do not know what other representations may have been made to other departments of government. In these circumstances I will ask that this be made an order for return so the detailed information may be produced.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

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BUILDING TECHNIQUE RESEARCH

Question No. 126—Mr. Fisher:

1. Are any agencies of the government committed to research on the development of building techniques for checking or lowering prices of residential construction?

2. If so, what agencies, under what authority?

3. What has been the cost of such research in 1959 to the federal government?

4. Has such research led to any reports or recommendations?

5. If so, by whom, for whom, and to what general effect?

PURCHASES OF ANTIBIOTICS

Question No. 150—Mr. Howard:

1. Since January 1, 1958, was any (a) nystatin; (b) tyrothricin; (c) neomycin; (d) dihydrostreptomycin; (e) streptomycin; (f) tetracycline; (g) oxytetracycline; (h) meprobamate; (i) chlorpromazine; (j) chlorothiazide; (k) chlortetracycline; (l) erythromycin; (m) chloramphenicol; (n) penicillin, purchased by (i) the Department of Defence Production; (ii) the Department of Veterans Affairs?

2. If so, for each month from January 1, 1958 to date, what was (a) the amount of each preparation of each drug purchased by each of these departments; (b) the unit or units by which each purchase was made; (c) the price paid for each such unit or units; (d) the name and address of the supplier; (e) the names and addresses and bid price of each other potential supplier or bidder?

FEDERAL DRUG PURCHASES

Question No. 162—Mr. Howard:

1. Since January 1, 1958, have any drugs or pharmaceuticals been purchased by (a) generic name; (b) brand name, by the (i) Department of Veterans Affairs; (ii) Department of Defence Production?

2. If so, which such drugs by (a) generic name; (b) brand name, have been purchased by each of the two departments?

3. If either of the two departments has purchased drugs by their brand name what is the reason in the case of each such purchase?

CABINET TRAVELLING EXPENSES

Question No. 185—Mr. Rouleau:

What were the travelling expenses for each minister of the crown for the fiscal years ending March 31, 1957 and March 31, 1959, and to which votes were these expenses charged in each particular case?

POST OFFICE THEFTS, 1953-59 AND 1960

Question No. 187—Mr. Denis:

During each of the fiscal years 1953 to 1959 inclusive, and from the beginning of the present fiscal year to February 1, 1960:

1. Has there been any theft of money, stamps or other valuable articles in the post offices or post office trucks, in Canada?

2. If so: (a) how many such thefts have occurred? (b) what was the value of the articles stolen? (c)