

## Questions

Edward Island which were outstanding. The Canada Pension Plan Investment Fund has purchased to date special twenty year securities of the province amounting to \$10 million on which there are no overdue interest payments.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS  
TO P.E.I.

Question No. 1,322—**Mr. MacLean:**

What is the estimated total of payments to be made by the Government of Canada to the Gov-

ernment of Prince Edward Island in the fiscal year 1970-71 for all obligations such as grants, equalization payments, etc., but not including payments to be made because of cost-sharing programs, and not including any payments to be made under the Prince Edward Island Development Plan?

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** It is estimated that the Department of Finance will make the following payments to the Government of Prince Edward Island on behalf of the Government of Canada in the fiscal year 1970-71:

	(in thousands of dollars)	
(a) British North America Act Subsidies		\$ 657
(b) Fiscal Arrangements		
(i) Share of Estate Tax	\$ 283	
(ii) Equalization	19,938	
(iii) Prior year adjustments	2,200	22,421
(c) Public Utilities Income Tax Transfer		271
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	Total	\$23,349

CANDIDATES FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH  
COUNCIL ASSOCIATESHIPS

Question No. 1,812—**Mr. Fairweather:**

1. Who were the candidates awarded places by virtue of the permanent investigator support program of the Medical Research Council?

2. Did the successful candidates possess the highest rating of all candidates applying?

3. From what universities did the successful candidates come?

4. What is the basis of the composition of the executive committee of the Medical Research Council?

5. What is the rationalization for the decision to rate various medical school departments, and does the policy take into account the financial resources of a medical school?

6. How is the overall national interest in medical scientific excellence preserved in the method of selection?

7. Does the Medical Research Council have regular communication with medical schools and working scientists concerning policy changes?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. The successful candidate for Medical Research Council Associateships to be taken up in 1970 were Dr. L. Branda, Dr. K. Lederis, Dr. E. Regoeczi and Dr. A. J. Wahba.

[Mr. Forest.]

2. The four successful candidates were the only candidates who in the opinion of the Council met all the criteria, both scientific and developmental, which Council has agreed to apply to the selection of new Associates.

3. One candidate comes from the University of Calgary, one from the University of Sherbrooke, and two from McMaster University.

4. Under the terms of its Act, the executive committee of the Medical Research Council is composed of the President and the Vice-President of Council and six other members elected by Council.

5. Recognizing the great disparities that exist in health science research in various regions and in various subject areas in Canada, the Medical Research Council has taken steps to redress this imbalance. It sets aside funds for its Associateship and Negotiated Development Grant programs for the explicit purpose of stimulating high quality research in areas which are in need of development. To provide some of the background material for the operation of these programs, the Council has studied the research effort in the various medical school departments and among other things has taken into account