

## Questions

3. From 1st January 1968 to 31st March 1970: (a) 1,227; (b) Newfoundland, 49; Prince Edward Island, 34; Nova Scotia, 130; New Brunswick, 92; Quebec, 218; Ontario, 305; Manitoba, 71; Saskatchewan, 142; Alberta, 132; British Columbia, 52; Yukon, 1; North-west Territories, 1.

4. Yes.

## ACREAGE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Question No. 1,532—**Mr. Stewart (Marquette)**:

By provinces, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, did the federal government consult any group concerning the proposed Acreage Reduction Program and, if so (a) what farm organizations were consulted (b) what agricultural industries were consulted (c) which provincial government departments were consulted (d) in each case, who were the actual personnel engaged in the discussion (e) did each organization approve or disapprove of the program?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister without Portfolio)**: (a) The Alberta Wheat Pool, the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, the Manitoba Pool Elevators, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, the Canada Grains Council and the National Farmers Union. (b) None. (c) The ministers of agriculture of the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. (d) Mr. G. L. Harrold for Alberta Wheat Pool, Mr. E. K. Turner for Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, Mr. G. Turner for Manitoba Pool Elevators, Mr. C. Monroe, Mr. D. Kirk and Mr. P. Babey for Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Mr. A. M. Runciman, and Dr. D. Dever for the Canada Grains Council, and Mr. R. Atkinson, Mrs. E. Potter, Mr. J. McCloy, Mr. D. Yonge, Mr. F. Dietz, Mr. F. Gudmundson, Mr. D. Robertson and Mr. S. Thiessen for the National Farmers Union. (e) All consulted expressed support for the final version of Operation LIFT as a necessary inventory reduction program to place the western grains industry on a solid footing for long term industry policies and programs.

## MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD

Question No. 1,608—**Mr. Mather**:

1. Is the Department of Transport considering requiring as a motor vehicle safety standard more effective car bumpers to reduce collision damage?

2. Is the Department considering requiring passive restraint "air bag" systems in new cars?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport)**: 1. The Motor Vehicle Safety Act, which has recently received Royal assent, gives the government authority to create safety standards for the

design, construction and functioning of motor vehicles for the protection of persons against injury or death. Pursuant to these powers, the government is considering a standard for increasing the effectiveness of car bumpers. Such factors as bumper height and energy absorption are under consideration. While such a standard would have as its primary purpose the reduction of injury, it would undoubtedly have the further important effect of reducing the cost of automobile repairs following minor collisions.

2. The current development and testing of such a device is being closely followed by the Ministry of Transport, and after suitable evaluation of all available evidence a decision will then be taken as to the acceptability of such restraint in motor vehicles in Canada.

## PRAIRIE REGION—AGRICULTURAL CROP RESEARCH

Question No. 1,620—**Mr. Yewchuk**:

1. Does the federal government plan to extend its subsidy to farmers for not sowing crops, to any other crop besides wheat?

2. What was the total amount of money spent by the federal government on agricultural crop research for the Prairie Region in 1969?

3. How much money does the federal government plan to spend on agricultural crop research in the Prairie Region in 1970?

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council)**: 1. There are no plans to extend the principles of the Wheat Inventory Reduction Program to other crops.

2. Estimated for the Department of Agriculture for the 1969-70 fiscal year, \$5,150,000. Estimated for the National Research Council of Canada and Canadian Patents and Development Limited for the 1969-70 fiscal year, \$247,000.

3. Estimated for the Department of Agriculture for the 1970-71 fiscal year, \$6,350,000. Estimated for the National Research Council of Canada and Canadian Patents and Development Limited for the 1970-71 fiscal year, \$260,000.

## PUBLIC SERVICE—RECRUITING OF WOMEN INTO MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Question No. 1,627—**Mr. Broadbent**:

1. Has the government planned to initiate any programs to recruit more women into management and administrative positions in the federal public service?