

removed the three-year limitation. We know from the past that something in the order of 9 per cent of the trainees do not receive allowances. These are the people who will now be able to receive allowances. They will be at the bottom of the scale, about \$43 a week allowance. As you have noticed, the act provides for a special allowance, which will probably be in the order of \$30 a week. This allowance is intended for those people who do not need to provide for themselves entirely. We are thinking here of the young adult of 17 or 18 years of age who is living with his or her parents, and the father works. There is no particular problem there. In those situations, this young adult does not need entirely to look after himself; he is part of the family. It is felt that a reduced allowance should be satisfactory there. Similarly for the housewife who wants to return to the labour force and needs to receive some training prior to that, but whose husband works and provides a normal income and support. She does not have all the responsibilities of the single adult. The same kind of situation will apply there. She will receive the basic allowance of \$30. Since these allowances are fairly low and the total number of trainees, the 9 per cent, is rather limited, we believe that we can provide necessary funds out of the flexibility that is in the total budget, and we do not expect this to cause any reduction in the number of trainees.

Senator Norrie: There is a section in this pamphlet which says that in Quebec anyone who is taking one of these training courses gets \$47 a week, but if he is on unemployment this gives him \$90, and the department makes up the difference.

Mr. Meyer: The Unemployment Insurance does?

Senator Norrie: Yes, the Unemployment Insurance, so actually anyone who is getting under \$90 a week, if they are under the Unemployment Insurance, they get that?

Mr. Meyer: They must have entitlement to the insure benefit.

Senator Norrie: Yes, but that only covers those who are entitled to the insurance.

Mr. Meyer: That is correct.

Senator Bonnell: I would like to have one thing clear in my mind. You have said that the same amount of money was available and you have said that the three-year limitation or waiting period is off and you said there are not going to be any limitations in the number of people on training, that you will have the same number of people. What I am anxious to know is this: Has the total federal budget for manpower training been used up in each year for the last three years, say, or has there been a certain surplus left over because there was no program available?

Mr. Meyer: Every year it has been consumed to within less than one per cent.

Senator Bonnell: Thank you. I am ready for the vote, Mr. Chairman.

The Acting Chairman: Are there any more questions?

Senator Smith: I move that we report the bill without amendment.

The Acting Chairman: Is that agreed?

Hon. Senators: Agreed.

The Acting Chairman: It is carried.

The committee adjourned.