

Questions

CONSULTANTS ENGAGED, DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Question No. 1,724—**Mr. Robinson:**

How many consultants have been engaged by the Department of Labour during each year 1950 to 1970 inclusive (a) what was the cost of the consultants (b) how were the consultants utilized (c) for what reasons were the consultants necessary?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Labour): Departmental records show that three consultant firms were retained in the specified period. (a) (i) 1956-66, \$40,250; (ii) 1968-69, \$9,000; (iii) 1968-69, \$9,450. (b) (i) Preparation of an organizational study of the Canada Department of Labour; (ii) Provision of public relations counsel; (iii) Compilation of a public attitude survey. (c) In each case, the consultants were retained because the required skills or resources were not available to perform the tasks.

COMPLEXITY OF SOCIETY AND SOCIAL ACTION

Question No. 1,796—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. To what extent does the federal government recognize the increasing complexity of our society and the shortening time base that is available for effective social action?

2. To what extent does the federal government recognize the funding problems of cross-disciplinary studies that do not fall into existing categories or precedents?

3. What action does the federal government contemplate in setting up funding mechanisms for cross-disciplinary or other studies submitted by national scientific organizations?

Mr. Barney Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to Prime Minister): 1. Fully.

2. The government recognizes the value of mission-oriented research that does not fall into existing categories or precedents. Special circumstances arise, however, in the funding of cross disciplinary research projects proposed by private groups. These circumstances are now under review and it is expected that a report, containing recommendations, will be made to the Government within the next few months.

3. It is too early to say what funding mechanisms may eventually be established. This will depend on the study referred to in Part 2, above.

COMPENSABLE DOLLAR LOSSES RESULTING FROM ACCIDENTS 1967-68

Question No. 1,815—**Mr. Mather:**

What was the percentage of the compensable dollar losses resulting from deaths and serious injuries in 1967 and 1968 accidents paid by the auto insurance industry?

[Mr. Corbin.]

Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): An analysis of automobile claims under the category "deaths and serious injuries" is not available from data filed with the Department of Insurance by insurance companies registered to transact automobile insurance business. Data is available for automobile liability claims in general. The ratios of such claims incurred to premiums earned for 1967 and 1968 are reported as 69.0 per cent and 70.4 per cent respectively in the Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for Canada (Volume 1 for each year, page 12B)

INFORMATION CANADA—PUBLICATIONS

Question No. 1,824—**Mr. Coates:**

1. Does the Queen's Printer sell certain publications at an increased cost for the English edition as compared with the French edition, such as (a) Meat—How to buy and prepare (b) How to run a business (c) Dinosaurs of Canada and, if so, for what reason?

2. What is the cost of these publications in English and in French at government book stores?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): 1. The policy is that the same selling price applies to the English and to the French edition of any publication.

2. The first one is \$1 and the two others are 75 cents each.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF STRATEGIC WAR MATERIALS SUPPLIED TO UNITED STATES

Question No. 1,831—**Mr. Mather:**

What, in dollars, is the estimated amount of the value of strategic war materials, weapons or components of war weapons supplied to the United States by Canadian sources during the past four years?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The value of defence materials and equipment procured by the United States in Canada under the Canada-United States Defence Production Sharing Program, for the four years ended December 31, 1969:

	(Millions Cdn. \$)
Year	
1966	317.1
1967	307.7
1968	320.0
1969	299.8
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Canada exports items such as raw materials, fuels and lubricants. These materials