

## Questions

## OIL DRILLING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA COASTAL WATERS

Question No. 554—**Mr. Douglas:**

1. How many oil wells have been drilled to date in the coastal waters of British Columbia?
2. How many of these oil wells are (a) abandoned (b) in production?
3. How many oil wells were drilled in this area during the calendar year 1971?
4. In how many locations is oil drilling proceeding in British Columbia coastal waters at the present time and what are the permit numbers of these locations?

**Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** 1. Fourteen.

2. (a) 14; (b) Not applicable.
3. None.
4. No wells are currently being drilled offshore in British Columbia coastal waters.

## PORTNEUF CONSTITUENCY—NUMBER OF PERSONS ADMITTED TO TRAINING COURSES

Question No. 558—**Mr. Godin:**

During the years 1970-71 and 1971-72, how many persons in the constituency of Portneuf were admitted to training courses offered by and paid for by the Department of Manpower and Immigration?

[Translation]

**Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Training information is not available on a constituency basis. The following relates to training provided in the areas served by the Canada Manpower Centres at Quebec and Grand'Mère. 1. Number of trainees commencing training<sup>1</sup>. Fiscal Year: 1970-71; Full Time: 5,303; Part Time: 3,687. Fiscal Year: 1971-72<sup>2</sup>; Full Time 4,217; Part Time; 2,539.

<sup>1</sup>Does not include Training-in-Industry Program.

<sup>2</sup>Preliminary and subject to revision.

[English]

## MANPOWER STRENGTHS—MEMBER ELIGIBLE FOR VETERANS' LAND ACT

Question No. 570—**Mr. Foster:**

How many members of the permanent Canadian Forces are currently serving whose compulsory retirement age (i.e. expiration of service) extends past the deadline of March 31, 1974, for assistance under the Veterans' Land Act?

**Mr. J.-R. Comtois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** On April 30, 1972, there were 61,953 personnel serving in the Canadian Forces whose compulsory retirement age or expiration of service is scheduled to extend beyond March 31, 1974. However, records are not maintained by the Department of National Defence in a manner which would permit the number still in the Canadian Forces, eligible for assistance under the Veterans' Land Act, to be identified. The Act is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and it is the responsibility of individuals to make application to that Department to determine their eligibility and apply for assistance if they so desire.

[Mr. Sharp.]

## CANADIAN FORCES—NAMES OF REGIMENTS

Question No. 590—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

What is the present name for the former branches of the Armed Forces known as (a) Royal Canadian Engineers (b) Royal Canadian Artillery?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (Acting Minister of National Defence):** These units are now part of the land element of the Canadian Armed Forces but they have retained their individual unit identities as follows: (a) Royal Canadian Engineers: 1 Field Squadron; 2 Field Squadron; 3 Field Squadron; and 4 Field Squadron. (b) Royal Canadian Artillery: 1st Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery; 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery; and 3rd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse Artillery.

## \*NUMBER OF PERSONNEL IN ARMED FORCES

Question No. 591—**Mr. Diefenbaker:**

1. How many (a) men (b) women are there in the Armed Forces as of this, or the nearest date?
2. Of the personnel, how many are (a) commissioned officers (b) non-commissioned officers (c) privates?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** The answer to Part 1 of this question is as follows: paid strength as of April 30, 1972 (a) 82,541; (b) 1,626.

The answer to Part 2 of this question is as follows:

(a)	Male	Female
Officers	13,158	496
Officer Cadets	1,729	7
(b) Supervisory Non-Commissioned Officers		
Chief Warrant Officer	884	
Master Warrant Officer	2,418	2
Warrant Officer	4,762	11
Sergeant	10,349	52
Master Corporal	5,924	53
(c) Privates and Non-Supervisory Corporals	43,317	1,005

## SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR SOFT DRINK INDUSTRY

Question No. 595—**Mr. Rynard:**

Does the government propose to remove the 12 per cent federal sales tax applicable to the soft drink industry as recommended by the Royal Commission on Taxation 1966 (The Carter Commission) and the Ontario Committee on Taxation 1967 (The Smith Commission) and, if so, on what date?

**Hon. P. M. Mahoney (Minister of State):** If the Government should decide to propose an amendment to the Excise Tax Act to exempt the soft drink industry from sales tax it would be announced at the appropriate time.

## QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

## TRAVELLING AND ENTERTAINING EXPENSES OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND STAFFS

Question No. 158—**Mr. Harding:**

1. What amount was spent by each federal department and agency, including the Prime Minister's office, on travelling expenses of their staffs in each of the past three fiscal years?