

Parliamentary Secretary to  
The Minister of National  
Health and Welfare

April 6, 1973

TO: Clerk, Standing Senate Committee on Health, Welfare and  
Science.

FROM: N. A. Cafik

RE: *Standing Senate Committee on Health, Welfare and Science*

At yesterday's meeting of the Standing Senate Committee on  
Health, Welfare and Science, I undertook the following:

- a. to provide the Committee, for the record, with a statement concerning provincial payments under the Hospitalization Act;
  - b. to attempt to provide the Committee with information concerning the value of Comforts Allowances and Comforts in kind in the Provinces;
- A statement covering this is attached at Appendix B.
- c. To confirm my rough estimate of \$25 to \$30 million for payments to OAS spouses.

The statement confirming the figure at about \$32.4 million is at Appendix C.

N.A. Cafik, M.P.,  
Parliamentary Secretary to  
The Minister of National  
Health and Welfare.

WEDNESDAY

Estimated Cost of Payment of GIS to Spouses (between ages 60 and 65) of OAS Pensioners in Receipt of GIS

Number of spouses aged 60 to 65 with spouses aged 60 to 65	20,100
Average monthly payment of GIS to present (12 months)	\$ 24.00
Average yearly payment (\$24 x 12)	\$288.00
Estimated total cost (\$288 x 20,100)	\$ 5,788,800
	\$ 5.8 million

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