

UNIVERSITY OF MONCTON

Question No. 2,867—**Mr. Jones:**

1. Does the University of Moncton recreational and sports facilities receive funds from the government and, if so (a) from which department (b) in what amount (c) what is the percentage of these funds in relation to the whole?

2. What steps are or have been taken to assure that there is no discrimination by reason of race, religion or language in the use of the government funded facilities?

3. Is the government aware of any discrimination in the use of the facilities in the summer of 1977 and, if so, have any corrective steps been taken?

4. Will the government continue funding where there is discrimination by reason of language?

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Yes; (a) Department of National Health and Welfare, Fitness and Amateur Sport Branch; (b) \$100,000; (c) 5 per cent of total national program.

2. Funds are provided for facilities which can be used by all citizens in the area and particularly all university students enrolled in the institution concerned.

3. No.

4. There is no other contribution to be provided to University of Moncton.

UIC—KEY DATA CANADA

Question No. 2,868—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Has Key Data Canada ever made use of the Unemployment Insurance Commission's computer system in Quebec and, if so, in each case (a) on what dates (b) at what times of day (c) for what lengths of time (d) what are the names and job designations of all officials authorizing such use and specifically did Mr. Robert Kingsley, Mr. Dorval Mainville or Mr. Gabriel Beland have anything to do with the arrangements with Key Data Canada (e) what is the total sum of money paid for the use of the computer system and to whom was it paid (f) what are the names and job designations of all employees who worked overtime or otherwise for such purposes and, in each case (i) what were they paid (ii) who paid them (iii) was the money paid in cash in envelopes addressed to each employee or were cheques involved?

Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The matter has been referred to the RCMP for investigation. Upon completion of the investigation the question will be answered.

REMOVAL OF FLUORESCENT LIGHTS

Question No. 2,869—**Mr. McKenzie:**

1. Were any fluorescent lights removed from the Canadian Grain Commission Building at 303 Main Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba as an energy conservation measure or for any other reason and, if so (a) how many (b) on what date (c) at what cost?

2. Were the lights disposed of and (a) if so, in what manner (b) if not, have they been stored for future use?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Public Works): 1. Yes; (a) 3,695; (b) June 14-22, 1977; (c) \$1,147.00.

2. Yes. (a) Approximately 3,600 fluorescent tubes were destroyed. These lamps had less than one year of useful life remaining, therefore would have been a net liability to the department if placed in storage and used for relamping. (b)

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Approximately 100 fluorescent tubes with a significant remaining useful life were retained in storage for future use.

"THE 1976 INCOME, ASSETS AND DEBT QUESTIONNAIRE"

Question No. 2,870—**Mr. Bowden:**

1. What is the purpose of the Statistics Canada questionnaire "The 1976 Income, Assets and Debt Questionnaire"?

2. (a) Is the information confidential to Statistics Canada (b) is the information distributed among various departments and, if so, which departments?

3. Are there any penalties for failing to respond to the Questionnaire and, if so (a) what are they (b) have any persons been prosecuted?

4. (a) How many questionnaires were distributed in Canada (b) how many were returned answered (c) how many persons refused to answer?

5. What procedure does the Department follow when a person refuses to answer the Questionnaire?

6. Are respondents informed that they need not answer the Questionnaire or are they told that they must answer it or face a fine or imprisonment?

7. Are any safety provisions taken by the Department to ensure that irresponsible persons do not get their hands on this very confidential and private information and, if so, what are they?

8. Do the enumerators provide evidence to the respondents as to their authority to receive the information?

9. Has the Department instituted any measures to ensure that its employees do not pass the information on to other government departments, private firms or individuals and, if so, what are they?

10. What is the total cost of the Questionnaire Programme and what is the cost per Questionnaire?

Mr. Hugh Poulin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports the following: 1. The only way in which factual information on incomes, assets and debts can be obtained on a confidential basis is through the Survey of Consumer Finance. Similar surveys on the asset and debt situation of Canadian families were taken in 1956, 1959, 1964 and 1970. There are strong indications that considerable changes have taken place in the financial situation of Canadians in the past seven years and a much needed update is required for policy and research purposes in many fields of government, labour and private enterprise. The results of the survey will also indicate which groups of the Canadian population are most affected by inflation. It should be noted that Statistics Canada collects income data annually through household surveys.

2. (a) Yes; (b) Government departments only receive data in a form which does not allow identification of respondents. They have no access to the original questionnaire.

3. (a) Under the Statistics Act 1971 there can be prosecutions for failure to respond to a Statistics Canada questionnaire. The maximum penalties for a breach of the Statistics Act are fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or both. (b) In sample surveys of individuals, Statistics Canada has not found it necessary to prosecute as it is the bureau's policy to seek the voluntary cooperation of the public. This has been successful. There have been no cases of prosecution in sample household surveys.

4. (a) Questionnaires were distributed to 17,500 households across the country. (b) and (c) The final response and non-response rates to this survey have not yet been calculated since