

## SUICIDES IN FEDERAL INSTITUTIONS

Question No. 4,226—**Mr. Corbett:**

1. In (a) 1981 (b) 1982 to date, in each federal penitentiary, how many persons committed suicide?

2. For the same period, in each federal penitentiary, how many prisoners suffered bodily harm as a result of action by (a) penitentiary staff (b) penitentiary inmates?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** In so far as the Correctional Service of Canada is concerned:

1. (a) In 1981, 12 inmates committed suicide. These suicides occurred at the following institutions: Laval Institution—1; Archambault Institution—2; Leclerc Institution—3; Regional Psychiatric Centre, Ontario—1; Kingston Penitentiary—1; Collins Bay Institution—1; Warkworth Institution—1; Edmonton Institution—1; Kent Institution—1.

(b) In 1982, two inmates committed suicide. The two suicides occurred at Archambault Institution and at the Federal Training Centre.

2. (a) Information not available. Statistical data is not maintained on bodily harm suffered by inmates as a result of action by penitentiary staff.

(b) Between January 1 and December 31, 1981, there was a total of 56 major and 185 minor assaults committed on inmates by other inmates in maximum and medium-security institutions. Between January 1 and March 31, 1982, there was a total of six major and 42 minor assaults committed on inmates by other inmates in maximum and medium-security institutions. For detailed statistics by institution, please see table below.

A minor assault consists of an incident in which no bodily injury is incurred, or the injury is superficial as, for example, abrasions or bruises. A major assault consists of an incident where the injury results in hospitalization or treatment which prohibits return to normal routine or where it is evident that the perpetrator intended to cause grievous bodily harm.

Assault on Inmates by other Inmates for the period January 1, 1981 to December 31, 1981:

Institution	Major Assaults	Minor Assaults
Dorchester	3	18
Springhill	1	7
Correctional Development Centre	0	12
Laval	1	26
Regional Reception Centre, Quebec	0	1
Archambault	1	13
Leclerc	1	5
Cowansville	0	1
Federal Training Centre	0	1
La Macaza	0	1
Millhaven	0	7
Kingston	0	3
Prison for Women	1	3
Collins Bay	5	19
Warkworth	1	0
Joyceville	8	8
Edmonton	2	5
Saskatchewan Penitentiary	2	8
Regional Psychiatric Centre	1	4
Drumheller	6	10
Stony Mountain	2	10
Bowden	2	2
Kent	4	7
Regional Psychiatric Centre, Pacific	1	2
Matsqui	7	5

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Mountain	2	3
William Head	4	0
Mission	1	4
Total	56	185

For the period January 1, 1982 to March 31, 1982:

Institution	Major Assaults	Minor Assaults
Correctional Development Centre	0	1
Laval	0	4
Archambault	0	2
Leclerc	0	2
Millhaven	0	1
Collins Bay	1	5
Warkworth	0	1
Joyceville	0	7
Edmonton	1	1
Saskatchewan Penitentiary	0	1
Drumheller	1	12
Stony Mountain	2	2
Kent	1	0
Matsqui	0	3
Total	6	42

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[English]

## STARRED QUESTION

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Madam Speaker, would you be so kind as to call starred question 4,317?

[Text]

\* INFORMATION ON METRIC SYSTEM IN BRAILLE

Question No. 4,317—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

Did the Metric Commission provide information on the metric system in braille for the benefit of the blind and, if so, what was such information?

[English]

**Mr. Gary F. McCauley (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Yes. Conversion charts prepared by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind have been provided by Metric Commission Canada on request. Metric Commission Canada is currently co-operating with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind in the production of additional materials in braille, in large print, and in audio cassette format for the visually impaired.

[Translation]

**Madam Speaker:** The questions enumerated by the parliamentary secretary have been answered.

[English]

**Mr. Smith:** Madam Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Madam Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

**Some hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Beatty:** Madam Speaker, last year on June 18, prior to the royal wedding, I put a question on the Order Paper numbered 2,644 in which I inquired whether or not the post