

2. The estimate of the total number of positions that will be double banked in 1980 is 24. The number beyond 1980 cannot be determined at this time.
3. All double banking will be in Ottawa.

DVA HOSPITALS

Question No. 338—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. What are the locations of hospitals and nursing homes administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs?
2. (a) How many (i) chronic care (ii) other patients are presently at each location (b) how many beds are not occupied and what is the number of veterans on the waiting list at each?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):

1. Ste-Anne's Hospital,
Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue,
Québec.
Rideau Veterans Home,
Ottawa, Ontario.
Deer Lodge Hospital,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Saskatoon Veterans
Home,
Saskatoon,
Saskatchewan.

2. (a)	(i)	(ii)
Ste-Anne's Hospital	513	460
Rideau Veterans Home	—	110
Deer Lodge Hospital	171	131
Saskatoon Veterans Home	—	72
	Unoccupied Beds	Waiting* List
(b)		
Ste-Anne's Hospital	113	55
Rideau Veterans Home	0	12
Deer Lodge Hospital	62	24
Saskatoon Veterans Home	8	19

*The figures in this category reflect the number of veterans awaiting a bed for the appropriate service of the hospital, (medical, surgical, domiciliary care, etc.).

DVA—PROCESSING OF PENSION APPLICATIONS

Question No. 340—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. What is the average time to process the pension application of a veteran to the first level of acceptance or rejection?
2. (a) What percentage of the applications are granted at the first level (b) what additional percentage of applications are eventually granted after rejection at the first level?
3. Is the effective date, when a pension is granted, backdated and, if so, what percentage are (a) prior to the date (b) on the date (c) after the date of the application?

Order Paper Questions

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):

1. At March 31, 1980: Disability pension application—8 months.
Survivors benefits application—3.9 months.
2. In fiscal year 1979-80:
 - (a) 38.1 per cent
 - (b) 24.8 per cent taken to next level were granted.
22.8 per cent taken to final level were granted.
54.1 per cent of all claims submitted were granted.
3. No statistics are maintained, however;

In applying the provisions of the Pension Act most awards are effective from the date of application. In a very few cases, those adjudicated at the second and third levels, the effective date of the award may be later than the date of application. However, in any case where a delay beyond the control of the applicant has occurred, the act provides that an additional award in an amount equivalent to up to two years pension may be made to compensate for the delay.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS—EMPLOYEES

Question No. 352—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. As of March 31, 1979 (a) how many persons in the SX classification were employed by the Department of Communications (b) how many were (i) francophones (ii) females?
2. What are the present totals?
3. Was there a structural change in the Department since March 31, 1979 and, if so, what effect did such a change have on the number of SXs employed?

Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):

1. (a) 29
(b) (i) 8
(ii) 1
2. (a) 29
(b) (i) 8
(ii) 0
3. No.

DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE—EMPLOYEES

Question No. 363—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. As of March 31, 1979 (a) how many persons in the SX classification were employed by the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce (b) how many were (i) francophones (ii) females?
2. What are the present totals?