

## APPLICATION OF SALES TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS

## Question No. 292—Mr. Godin:

What products, manufactured in Canada, are affected by the 11 per cent sales tax on building materials?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of National Revenue):** All building materials manufactured or produced in Canada are subject to the 11 per cent sales tax with the exception of those listed in schedule III of the Excise Tax Act, i.e., crushed stone, crushed gravel, sand, gravel, rubble and field stone. The goods listed in section 29(2b) of the act are not subject to sales tax on the manufacturer's sale price but sales tax applies only with respect to the materials used in their manufacture or production. In addition, bona fide public hospitals and provincial government departments may purchase taxable building materials for their own use and not for resale without payment of sales tax. Under sections 47 and 47A of the act, certain institutions, such as homes for the aged, educational institutions and organizations operating public libraries, may obtain refund of the sales tax paid on materials used in the construction of their buildings.

## ROYAL COMMISSION ON CRIME

## Question No. 296—Mr. Allard:

Does the government intend to create a royal commission on organized crime and on its causes? [Translation]

**Hon. Lucien Cardin (Minister of Justice):** No.

[English]

## ASSISTANCE FOR SHELTERED WORKSHOPS

## Question No. 325—Mr. Rapp:

Is it the intention of the government to propose legislation during this session of parliament which would provide assistance for capital and operational costs for sheltered workshops for the mentally handicapped?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration as follows: Operational assistance is already being provided to a number of sheltered workshops for the mentally handicapped under the federal-provincial vocational rehabilitation and vocational training programs. The government is giving consideration to various ways by which additional assistance may be provided to rehabilitation for the mentally and physically disabled. Any decisions of government policy will be announced, when appropriate, in the normal way.

## Questions

## \* GUISEPPE COTRONI, KINGSTON PENITENTIARY

## Question No. 341—Mr. Coates:

1. Is Guiseppe Cotroni an inmate of the federal penitentiary at Kingston, Ontario, and, if so, what was he convicted of and what is the length of his sentence?

2. If Guiseppe Cotroni is an inmate of the penitentiary, has he ever been permitted to leave Kingston penitentiary since entering that institution to attend any personal functions on compassionate or other grounds and, if so, on what dates and for what reasons?

3. If Guiseppe Cotroni was allowed to attend any personal functions on parole, was he allowed to leave unattended or under escort?

4. Has any request been made for his parole and, if so, under whose authority was parole granted?

**Hon. L. T. Pennell (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, the answer to this question is as follows: Yes, Guiseppe Cotroni was convicted of trafficking in narcotics and sentenced to ten years imprisonment and to an additional seven years consecutive for receiving stolen goods.

The answer to part 2 is yes, on Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19, 1964, pursuant to section 26 of the Penitentiary Act, to attend the wake of his mother.

The answer to part 3 is, Guiseppe Cotroni was not allowed to attend any personal function whilst on parole, but was at all times under escort.

The answer to part 4 is yes, a request for parole was made on behalf of Guiseppe Cotroni but it was refused by the national parole board.

## FAMILY ALLOWANCES

## Question No. 343—Mr. Godin:

1. What was the amount spent by the government in 1945 for the payment of family allowances?

2. How many children were eligible in 1945 to receive family allowances?

3. What was the amount spent by the government in 1965 for the payment of family allowances?

4. How many children were eligible in 1965 to receive family allowances?

5. What is the percentage increase in the cost of living from 1945 to date?

6. What is the percentage increase of family allowances, from 1945 to date?

**Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Secretary of State):** I am informed by the Departments of National Health and Welfare and Trade and Commerce as follows:

1. \$113,934,820.

2. As at December 31, 1945—3,261,732.

3. \$550,571,248.

4. As at December 31, 1965—6,849,095.

5. The consumer price index (1949=100) increased from 75.0 in 1945 to 140.8 at the