

have been approved nor payments made under this program. However, discussions are continuing to be held with the provinces.

2. Four new designs have been introduced to the Atlantic fishery, although only two of these would come within the size range of this new program.

RE-ENGAGEMENT OF RELEASED AIRCREW

Question No. 1,939—**Mr. Lambert:**

1. Of the approximately 500 members of aircrew personnel released from service in the R.C.A.F. in the month of June or thereabouts in 1964, how many have been re-engaged and on what terms?

2. Do these terms include the forfeiture or repayment of any regular or special benefits granted to them on release?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): 1. Sixteen, 11 were granted short service commissions and five permanent commissions.

2. Yes, order in council PC 1964-15/1239 of 31 Aug. 64 as amended by PC 1966-4/106 of 19 Jan. 66 made provision for the possible repayment of all or a portion of the special benefits paid to the officers released should they subsequently re-enroll in the Canadian forces within two years of the date of release.

RESIGNATIONS AND RETIREMENTS OF OFFICERS

Question No. 1,941—**Mr. Rynard:**

1. How many officers in the (a) navy (b) air force (c) army, have resigned month by month since May 1, 1966?

2. How many officers in each of the services have asked to be retired at the discretion of the Department of National Defence and how many such requests have been granted in the said period?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): 1. The following were released under Q.R.&O. 15.01 item 4—voluntary release:

	RCN	CA (R)	RCAF	Total
May 1966	7	11	26	44
June 1966	19	15	41	75
July 1966	40	7	25	72
August 1966	12	17	43	72
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	78	50	135	263
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2. Personnel statistics do not record this information and the necessary expert staff is not available to undertake the large amount of work which would be required to gather the necessary information.

*PAYMENT OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

Question No. 1947—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Has General Motors informed the adjustment assistance board that it will make the necessary

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agreement with the government of Canada to render the majority of its laid-off workers eligible for transitional assistance benefits?

2. Has the government yet reached a decision to revise the transitional assistance benefits regulations under the automotive program and, if so, will benefits be payable to all eligible workers affected by lay-offs caused by the agreement, without having to get the approval of the employer?

Hon. J. R. Nicholson (Minister of Labour):

This question falls into two parts. The answer to the first part of the question is no. The answer to the second part is no. The matter is under active consideration and any revision of the transitional assistance benefit regulations will be the subject of a government announcement, if such a revision is decided upon.

MANUFACTURE OF WHEAT FLOUR UNDER RUSSIAN AGREEMENT

Question No. 1,966—**Mr. Pascoe:**

1. Have any orders been placed with Canadian milling companies for manufacture and export of wheat flour under the latest Russian wheat agreement and, if so, what Canadian milling companies were given these flour orders and what quantities were specified in each order?

2. What Canadian companies bid for all, or a portion, of the flour contract?

Hon. Robert Winters (Minister of Trade and Commerce):

Canadian flour mill companies negotiate directly with the U.S.S.R. grain agency Exportkhleb for the supply of flour under a master contract concluded by the Canadian Wheat Board and Exportkhleb. The information requested in these questions is a private commercial matter and is not available to the government.

SALES AND EXPORTS OF WHEAT AND FLOUR

Question No. 1,967—**Mr. Pascoe:**

1. What was the total export of Canadian wheat flour during the period from August 1, 1965 to July 31, 1966?

2. Did Canadian wheat flour go to Cuba during the above-specified period and, if so, what quantity?

3. What was the total export of Canadian wheat flour during the period from August 1, 1964 to July 31, 1965?

4. What was the total domestic sale of Canadian wheat flour for the period from August 1, 1965 to July 31, 1966?

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Mr. Jean-Charles Cantin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Trade and Commerce):