

*Order Paper Questions*

2. How many federal inspectors does the government have for the purpose of inspecting weigh scales?

3. How much money was spent by the government for the inspecting of weigh scales in each of the past three years?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** 1. The number of weights and measures devices inspected by Consumer and Corporate Affairs inspectors during the past three years is as follows: 1971, 324,726; 1972, 301,503; 1973, 291,606\*.

2. The Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs has 168 weights and measures inspectors.

3. Expenditures for the weights and measures sub-activity over the last three fiscal years has been as follows: 1970-1971, \$2,155,303; 1971-1972, \$2,359,578; 1972-1973, \$2,758,786.

\*The yearly reductions in the number of weights and measures inspections reflects a thrust of the department in providing a more concentrated inspection coverage to those devices most commonly used or having high commercial importance in trade, with a view to reducing the potential economic inequity to the greatest degree possible. The design of commonly used devices is subject to frequent technological changes. These technological changes have brought into use electronic load cells, print-out facility, etc. which greatly increases the average time required for inspection with a consequent reduction in the number of devices inspected by the same work force.

## NATIONAL DEFENCE—LAND FORCE POLICY REVIEW STUDY

Question No. 484—**Mr. Howie:**

On what date will the Land Force Policy Review Study be completed by the Department of National Defence (a) who is involved in the study (b) what are its terms of reference (c) has any person outside of the Department of National Defence had any input into the study and, if so, what is his name?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** The Land Force Policy Review Study, currently being conducted within the Department of National Defence, will be completed in the near future. (a) This study is being conducted by both military and civilian officers of the Department of National Defence. Advice and assistance have been sought as required from officials of the Department of External Affairs and the Treasury Board, during the course of the study. (b) Although the terms of reference of this study are classified, its general purpose is to identify, within the context of the broad defence objectives contained in the White Paper "Defence in the 70s", the specific objectives for the future development of the land and associated tactical air forces, and to examine choices as to the means by which these objectives might be attained. (c) There has been no participation from outside of the government Service.

## AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLIES OF FERTILIZER

Question No. 572—**Mr. O'Sullivan:**

1. Has the Department of Agriculture conducted a study into the availability of supplies of fertilizers using nitrogen during the current year?

[Mr. Dick.]

2. Are such fertilizers in short supply for farmers in Ontario, and in particular for those in Southern Ontario?

3. Is the Department aware as to whether such fertilizers are still being exported from Canada?

4. Has the Department of Agriculture conducted any studies into the numbers of fertilizers using nitrogen and, if so, what are the results of said studies?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. Yes.

2. Demand for fertilizers, including those containing nitrogen, is greater than in previous years. Production and transport are being pressed to meet the demand, a reversal of the situation during the preceding many years. The adequacy of supply to fill actual need will not be known until after planting time.

3. Fertilizer is being exported at a reduced rate to traditional markets while imports are also being made.

4. The supply and distribution of fertilizers is being monitored on a continuing basis, as to source and type of formulation, for example. In recent years there has been a trend to high nitrogen fertilizers such as anhydrous ammonia and nitrogen solutions.

## MONTHLY ALLOWANCE AT POST-SECONDARY LEVEL FOR INDIAN STUDENTS

Question No. 614—**Miss MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):**

1. What is the monthly allowance at the post-secondary level for Indian students who receive funding from the (a) Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (b) Department of Manpower and Immigration?

2. How much is allotted by each Department for dependents of these students?

3. Are these allowances equal to those given to Métis and non-status Indians by provincial governments?

4. On what date will the federal allowances to treaty and status Indians be increased to equal that provided by provincial governments?

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** In so far as the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is concerned the answer is: 1. (a) Without dependents—all of Canada, \$238.00 per month; With 1 dependent (except Maritime Region), \$294.61 per month; Maritime Region, \$277.33 per month; With 2 dependents (except Maritime Region), \$342.33 per month; Maritime Region, \$312.00 per month; With 3 dependents (except Maritime Region), \$381.33 per month; Maritime Region, \$342.33 per month; With 4 or more dependents (except Maritime Region), \$411.66 per month; Maritime Region, \$381.33 per month.

2. See reply to 1 (a).

3. There is a great variation in allowances paid by provinces and, generally speaking, provincial allowances are lower. In one province a wage replacement for new careerists is paid and this is higher than the rates paid by the department.

4. Occupational Training for Adults rates are revised each July.

In so far as the Department of Manpower and Immigration is concerned, the reply is as follows:

1. (b) Nil.