

include currency (coins, Bank of Canada notes) and deposit claims on the chartered banks and on other institutions that offer deposit accounts to the public. The most commonly used definitions, which include currency and chartered bank deposits, are shown in the following table. Dates are for the last Wednesday in December because statistics for January 1 are not available. The table also shows the outstanding amounts of chartered bank credit in the form of Canadian dollar loans and mortgages. These statistics for bank credit are shown separately because they represent liabilities of bank customers rather than claims on the banks comparable to deposits.

Currency, Chartered Bank Canadian Dollar Deposits and Loans
Last Wednesday of December
(millions of Canadian dollars)

	1971	1972	1973	1974
Coin	483	509	581	647
Bank of Canada notes	3,421	3,962	4,673	5,213
Total currency	3,904	4,471	5,254	5,860
Currency and demand deposits	11,763	13,142	14,843	15,794
Currency and all privately-held Canadian dollar deposits	35,837	41,024	48,859	57,463
Government of Canada deposits	2,459	2,540	2,368	4,682
Currency and total chartered bank Canadian dollar deposits	38,296	43,564	51,227	62,145
Loans and mortgages in Canadian dollars	23,286	28,677	36,739	44,260

GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT, 1972-74

Question No. 1,569—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

What was the Gross National Product for (a) 1972 (b) 1973 (c) 1974?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):

Year	Gross National Product (millions of dollars)	
	current prices	1961 prices
1972	103,493	71,515
1973	118,902	76,345
1974	139,493	79,199

RCMP—STRENGTH IN PROVINCES

Question No. 1,572—**Mr. Herbert:**

1. With reference to the answer to Question No. 1,114, at the time this question was answered, what was the total strength of the RCMP in each of the provinces listed in Part 2?

2. Of the difference between these two sets of figures, were any members of the RCMP on direct contract with municipalities or other groups, organizations, companies or individuals, not including the respective provincial governments and, if so, how many?

Order Paper Questions

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): 1. Newfoundland, 531; Manitoba, 880; British Columbia, 3,045; Saskatchewan, 1,055; Nova Scotia, 568; New Brunswick, 470; Alberta, 1,505; Prince Edward Island, 111; Total 8,165.

2. Municipal Contracts: Newfoundland, 51; Manitoba, 181; British Columbia, 1,207; Saskatchewan, 172; Nova Scotia, 32; New Brunswick, 51; Alberta, 292; Prince Edward Island, 9; Total 1,995.

REBATES ON PURCHASE OF AUTOMOBILES

Question No. 1,580—**Mr. Jones:**

Is the rebate presently being given by automobile companies on the purchase of certain automobiles taxable for income tax purposes?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of National Revenue): The rebates presently being given to the public by automobile companies on the purchase of certain automobiles will not be taxed as such. The rebates are viewed as a reduction of the cost of the purchased automobile. Accordingly, if capital cost allowance in respect of the automobile is allowed as a deduction in computing a taxpayer's income, the amount of capital cost allowance available to such taxpayer will be affected by such rebate.

WIRE-TAP AUTHORIZATIONS

Question No. 1,586—**Mr. Flynn:**

How many wire-taps and other electronic surveillance authorizations have been issued since the Protection of Privacy Act came into effect and, in each case, to whom?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): During the period July 1, 1974 to December 31, 1974, 140 authorizations were issued to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Information concerning the number of authorizations issued under provincial jurisdiction is not available.

NUCLEAR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Question No. 1,715—**Mr. Francis:**

1. (a) Has the government spent over \$1 billion in nuclear research and development (b) has it offered to pay one-half of the cost of the first nuclear station built in any province (c) is it committed to the development of nuclear energy in Canada?

2. What research, if any, has been done on the environmental effects and health hazards involved in such a programme?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): 1. (a) Yes. (b) No. However, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources announced at the First Ministers' Energy Meeting January 1974 that the federal government would provide financing assistance by offering loans, at crown corporation rates, for up to 50% of the capital cost of the first nuclear powered generating unit in a province, and, similarly, for a unit intended for regional use. (c) Yes.

2. Extensive research has been, and is being, conducted by many countries throughout the world, including Canada. These studies have served as the basis for the recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection which, in turn, are the basis of the Health and Safety Regulations under the Atomic Energy Control Act.