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## \*COST OF AID TO NIGERIA

Question No. 643—**Mr. Cafik:**

1. What cash contributions have been made by the government to relief operations in Nigeria up to and including October 31, 1968?

2. To whom were such contributions made?

3. What are the estimated costs for operations of Canadian Armed Forces aircraft and personnel on Nigerian relief operations up to and including October 31, 1968?

4. What are the estimated costs per day for operations of Canadian Armed Forces aircraft and personnel on Nigerian relief operations?

5. What are the estimated costs of the return of the Hercules Aircraft to Canada following completion of relief operations?

6. Did the Canadian Government pay for the shipping cost of the relief ship that left from Halifax for Nigeria and, if so, what is the estimated cost to the Canadian Government?

**Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed, Mr. Speaker, by the Departments of External Affairs and National Defence as follows: 1 and 2. Canada gave the International Committee of the Red Cross a cash grant of \$60,000 through the Canadian Red Cross Society on June 5, 1968 for ICRC use in areas of Nigeria where the need was greatest.

3. \$201,000.

4. Based on flying two relief missions per day—\$8,500.

5. \$67,400.

6. The Canadian government paid an estimated \$149,000 for the charter of the relief ship which left Halifax October 22 for the Nigeria area but of this sum an estimated \$31,375 is recoverable from the voluntary agencies who joined their contributions with those of the government in this shipment.

## IMPORTS OF FRENCH CATTLE

Question No. 649—**Mr. LeBlanc (Rimouski):**

1. By province, during the summer of 1968, how many import permits were issued for French cattle (Charolais and Limousin)?

2. What is the name of the holder of each such permit issued?

3. What is the number of cattle specified per permit?

4. Did any permit holder sell or transfer his permit and, if so (a) which permit holders and to whom were they sold or transferred (b) what action has been taken in each case?

## Questions

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):**

1. The following number of permits were issued in the summer of 1968 to import cattle from certain European countries:

Province	Permits
Nova Scotia	2
New Brunswick	1
Quebec	7
Ontario	29
Manitoba	10
Saskatchewan	30
Alberta	53
British Columbia	7

2. Because of commercial considerations, it is not the practice of the department to divulge the names of livestock owners whose animals are being dealt with through quarantine or other controls under the provisions of the Animal Contagious Diseases Act.

3. From 1 to 6 animals, with each permit specifying the exact number.

4. Import permits are not transferable and the department is not aware of any permits having been sold or transferred. All the certification documents that accompanied the cattle at the time of importation were in the name of the original import permit holder.

## PUBLIC UTILITIES INCOME TAX TRANSFER ACT

Question No. 678—**Mr. Fortin:**

1. What payments have been made by the government to the governments of each of the provinces pursuant to the provisions of the Public Utilities Income Tax Transfer Act, for each type of utility since its proclamation?

2. Does the government intend to bring telephone companies under this Act as some provinces have nationalized telephone services?

3. Were any regulations made by the government under Section 6 of the Public Utilities Income Tax Transfer Act and, if so, what are these regulations?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):**

1. None. It is anticipated that the first payments to the provinces will be made before the close of the present fiscal year.

2. This is a matter of policy; if the government should decide to recommend amendments to the Act, an announcement will be made.

3. No.

CLOSING OF FOREST RESEARCH LABORATORY,  
VANCOUVERQuestion No. 680—**Mr. Anderson:**

1. Did the Department of Fisheries and Forestry discuss the closing of Rayonnier Canada (B.C.) Ltd.'s Vancouver research laboratory with the company prior to its closing?