

Questions

FITNESS AND AMATEUR SPORT PROGRAM—
PER CAPITA ALLOTMENTQuestion No. 2,084—**Mr. Robinson:**

What was the *per capita* allotment made to each of the provinces and territories of Canada under the Fitness and Amateur Sport programme?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): During the fiscal year 1969-70 the *per capita* allotment was as follows:

Province	Basic Allotment \$	Allotment per capita \$	Total Allocation \$
Nfld.	35,000	14,181	49,181
P.E.I.	35,000	3,047	38,047
N.S.	35,000	21,134	56,134
N.B.	35,000	17,339	52,339
Quebec	35,000	165,137	200,137
Ontario	35,000	204,745	239,745
Manitoba	35,000	27,033	62,033
Saskatchewan	35,000	26,618	61,618
Alberta	35,000	42,849	77,849
B.C.	35,000	56,643	91,643
N.W.T.	35,000	859	35,859
Yukon	35,000	415	35,415
Total	\$ 420,000	\$ 580,000	\$ 1,000,000

OXFAM—INFLUENCE ON FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT'S RHODESIAN
POLICYQuestion No. 2,085—**Mr. Robinson:**

Does OXFAM have any influence on the federal government's Rhodesian policy and, if so, to what effect?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Although this organization has no specifically identifiable influence on the government's Rhodesia policy, the government, of course, is prepared to listen to the views of this or any other organization interested in international affairs.

AVERAGE CONSUMER INTEREST RATES

Question No. 2,086—**Mr. Robinson:**

For each year 1950 to 1970 inclusive, what was the average consumer interest rate for (a) automobiles, including cars and trucks (b) farm machinery (c) appliances, generally i.e., toasters, vacuum cleaners, etc. (d) tractors (e) boats (pleasure craft and fishing) (f) stoves (g) refrigerators (h) air-conditioning equipment (i) hot water tanks and heaters (j) oil and/or gas furnaces (k) automotive accessories (l) radios and TV sets (m) electrical fixtures (n) aluminum storms and screens (o) prefabricated dwellings such as houses, cottages, garages, out-buildings, boat houses, etc. (p) plumbing fixtures and equipment (q) furniture (home and office) (r) broadloom, drapes, rugs, etc. (s) typewriters, adding machines and office business equipment (t) machines and business equipment generally (u) houses?

[Mr. Munro.]

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

The interest rates asked for in this question are not subject to statutory limitations. Consequently, they may vary from region to region and from merchant to merchant. No information exists in the Department of Insurance that would enable average interest rates to be determined for the various categories specified.

AVERAGE INTEREST RATE, FINANCE COM-
PANIES, CREDIT UNIONS AND BANKSQuestion No. 2,087—**Mr. Robinson:**

What was the average interest rate charged by (a) finance companies (b) credit unions (c) banks, to consumers for each year 1940 to 1970 inclusive?

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

(a) Interest rates charged by finance companies are not subject to maximum limitation except as respects loans subject to the Small Loans Act. That Act applied to loans of \$500 or less from 1940 to 1956 and applies to loans of \$1,500 or less from 1956 to the present time. From 1940 to 1956 the maximum interest rate that could be charged on loans subject to the Act was 2 per cent a month. From 1956 to the present date the maximum interest rate that may be charged is 2 per cent a month on the first \$300 of a loan, 1 per cent on the portion of any loan between \$300 and \$1,000 and $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent