

Order Paper Questions

DISEASE SCRAPIE IN SHEEP

Question No. 537—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

1. For each year from 1953 to 1977, were any sheep from (a) pure bred (b) commercial flocks ordered to be slaughtered owing to the disease scrapie and, if so, how many?

2. What was the total cost for each year?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):

| | 1. Number of Sheep Slaughtered (a) - (b) * | 2. Compensation Paid |
|---------|---|----------------------|
| 1953-54 | — ** | — |
| 1954-55 | 108 | 8,100.00 |
| 1955-56 | 654 | 100,050.00 |
| 1956-57 | 88 | 3,340.00 |
| 1957-58 | 79 | 4,566.00 |
| 1958-59 | 459 | 15,548.50 |
| 1959-60 | 5,539 | 214,235.00 |
| 1960-61 | 2,735 | 107,740.87 |
| 1961-62 | 1,593 | 32,617.00 |
| 1962-63 | 565 | 13,446.00 |
| 1963-64 | 1,639 | 115,873.50 |
| 1964-65 | 24 | 676.65 |
| 1965-66 | 164 | 5,868.90 |
| 1966-67 | 393 | 33,527.00 |
| 1967-68 | 78 | 6,495.00 |
| 1968-69 | 15 | 905.00 |
| 1969-70 | 29 | 2,880.08 |
| 1970-71 | — | — |
| 1971-72 | 180 | 11,875.00 |
| 1972-73 | 5 | 350.00 |
| 1973-74 | 82 | 3,175.00 |
| 1974-75 | — | — |
| 1975-76 | 33 | 3,621.00 |
| 1976-77 | 80 | 10,276.00 |
| 1977-78 | 1,026 | 200,085.00 |
| | 15,568 | \$895,251.50 |

* Records on scrapie do not differentiate between pure-bred and commercial flocks.

** Departmental records have only been maintained since 1954.

VETERANS—MEMORIAL PAVILION, B.C.

Question No. 540—**Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich):**

1. (a) How many beds at the Memorial Pavilion were guaranteed to veterans under the Agreement with the Government of British Columbia covering the transfer of the Pavilion to the B.C. authorities (b) how many were guaranteed in the Jubilee Complex?

2. How many of the beds were occupied by veterans on (a) January 1, 1977 (b) July 1, 1977 (c) January 1, 1978 (d) July 1, 1978 (e) October 1, 1978 and, of these, how many were for (i) extended (ii) intermediate (iii) acute care?

3. Can a distinction be made in the foregoing Parts as to beds and beds occupied in the Memorial Pavilion on the one hand and in the Main Jubilee Complex on the other and, if so, could the replies already given be made again making this distinction?

4. (a) How many beds in reserve are retained, under the federal-provincial agreement to serve unexpected needs of veterans requiring acute care (b) have the required number of beds for acute care been available at all times or has the quota been breached?

5. How many veterans were on a waiting list for extended care space on the dates mentioned in Part 2?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):

1. (a) and (b) In the 1974 transfer agreement with the

[Mr. Loiselle (Chambly).]

Province of British Columbia, the Department of Veterans Affairs retained 170 priority use beds at Royal Jubilee Hospital, Victoria. Included in the total were 60 acute care beds located in the Main Jubilee Complex; and 50 extended care beds and 60 intermediate care beds located in the Memorial Pavilion.

The agreement provides that the priority bed allocation can be revised with changes in bed requirements. Such changes have occurred from time to time, and the present bed allocation is as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Acute care (Main Jubilee Complex) | 32 beds |
| Extended care (Memorial Pavilion) | 46 beds |
| Intermediate care (Memorial Pavilion) | 92 beds |

2. The bed occupancy by veterans on the specified dates is as follows:

| | Jubilee | | Memorial Pavilion | | Total |
|-----------------|---------|----------|-------------------|-----|-------|
| | Acute | Extended | Intermediate | | |
| January 1, 1977 | 11 | 42 | 73 | 126 | |
| July 1, 1977 | 11 | 46 | 84 | 141 | |
| January 1, 1978 | 16 | 49 | 84 | 149 | |
| July 1, 1978 | 21 | 44 | 94 | 159 | |
| October 1, 1978 | 8 | 44 | 90 | 142 | |

3. See 1 and 2 above.

4. (a) No beds other than those described in (1) are retained to serve unexpected needs of veterans requiring acute care. However, the agreement does provide that where it is necessary to admit a veteran and priority use beds of the type required are fully occupied, the veteran will be admitted to the first available bed in a hospital having beds clinically suitable for the level of care required by the veteran.

(b) The agreement provides that priority use beds not required for veterans will be released for patients who are not veterans. No delays have been experienced in obtaining admission of acute care veteran patients and the acute care beds available for veterans are more than sufficient, as noted in (2). The department has reacted to trends in patient needs by reducing the number of priority use acute care beds, and by increasing the number of intermediate care beds.

5. No record has been kept of the number of patients awaiting admission on the dates specified. At November 15, 1978, there were five patients awaiting admission to extended care, and this number is considered higher than usual. When a situation arises requiring urgent attention an effort is made to locate a temporary bed in another institution.

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[Translation]

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. Yvon Pinard (Parliamentary Secretary to Deputy Prime Minister and President of Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, if question No. 520 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.