

Saskatoon—Humboldt (b)	(a)	(c)
Watson	renovations to water treatment plant	45,000
Saskatoon S.D. No. 13	new elementary schools	1,900,161
Cudworth	construction of water supply	37,500
Humboldt	addition to arena	100,000
Humboldt S.D. No. 1529	renovate public school	138,682
Humboldt Collegiate Inst.	construct and renovate classrooms	1,219,493
Naicam	street surfacing	69,023

**CONDEMNATION OF MARIJUANA AND ITS HARMFUL EFFECTS—UNITED STATES SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Question No. 403—Mr. Reynolds:**

1. To the knowledge of the government, did a United States Senate Subcommittee, in conjunction with the United States Department of Health, on Monday, October 7, 1974, issue a condemnation of marijuana and its harmful effects and, if so, does the Minister of National Health and Welfare intend to make these results known to the Canadian people through an educational format?

2. Does the government intend to make the youth of this country aware of the findings of the American Academy of Science, as published in their journal *Science* August 23 and 30, 1974 issues, regarding harmful effects of marijuana usage?

3. For what reason have no steps been taken by the Department to make available information and documentation on the harmful effects of marijuana to the potential marijuana users in Canada?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** 1. The government has received the Report of the United States Senate subcommittee entitled "Marijuana—hashish epidemic and its impact on United States Security." Twenty-four eminent researchers from a number of countries testified before the committee chaired by Senator James O. Eastland. The chairman states in the report that these hearings were convened specifically to demonstrate that a number of highly reputable scientists regard cannabis (marijuana) as an exceedingly dangerous drug. Comparable scientists and some commissions of enquiry, have failed to corroborate the extreme concern expressed by those who testified before the Senate subcommittee. The government has consistently stated that it considers that marijuana is a potentially dangerous drug. The policy announced on July 31, 1972, by the then Minister of Health and Welfare, the Hon. John Munro, made it very clear that the possession of marijuana would not be made legal because of serious concerns about the drug's effects on physical and mental health. These concerns remain unchanged as illustrated by the statement of the present minister on November 26, 1974. The government has taken steps to inform the Canadian public of the hazards involved in use of cannabis and other drugs through books, pamphlets, multi-media kits and films.

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2. The government will continue to inform the public of hazards involved in use of marijuana and other drugs.

3. Answered in 1 and 2.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE—RESEARCH EXPENDITURES**

**Question No. 553—Mr. Symes:**

1. What was the total amount of money spent in each of the fiscal years 1972-73 and 1973-74 by the Department of Finance on contracts to outside persons and organizations for research, development and other consulting services?

2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?

3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** In so far as the Department of Finance is concerned: 1. 1972-73, \$284,185; 1973-74, \$203,529.

2 and 3. See reply to question No. 397.

**NOTE:** Where a report was submitted the title related to the purpose of the assignment.

**LAND TITLE RESEARCH—ST. LAWRENCE RIVER**

**Question No. 629—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Is the Department of the Environment or any other department conducting land title research along the St. Lawrence River waterfront or on the Gananoque River at Gananoque, Ontario and, if so (a) for what purpose (b) what specific land or areas are involved (c) on what date did such research commence and by whom is it being conducted?

2. What are all the plans the government has for the waterfront area at Gananoque, Ontario and do such plans include (a) redevelopment of the town waterfront and, if so, on what basis (b) development of waterfront recreational and boating facilities and, if so, of what nature?

3. Has the government through any of its departments designated the Gananoque waterfront area as a priority development area and, if so, what are all the details in regard to this?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of the Environment and Public Works as follows: 1. Yes. (a) To assess the potential for future development of harbour facilities for recreational boating and sports fishing. (b) The federal boundaries of the harbour of Gananoque. (c) This research started in Ontario in October 1974. It is being conducted by the Regional Manager, Small Craft Harbours, Burlington.

2. At the present time, no plans have been formulated for either the redevelopment of the town waterfront or the future development of recreational boating facilities at this location.

3. The same priority has been given to the development of the Gananoque waterfront as other locations in the province.