

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Under the Medical Services Branch: (including hospitalization and medical care services for Indians); \$666,096.65. Under the Health Programs Branch: (including medicare and hospital insurance payments, the Health Resources Fund and Health Grants); \$83,171,452.88. Under the Social Allowances and Services Branch: (including assistance and services under the Canada Assistance Plan, Blind and Disabled Persons Allowances); \$36,559,552.00. Making a total of \$120,397,101.53.

*ARMENIAN INDEPENDENCE

Question No. 517—**Mr. Macquarrie:**

1. In 1971, did the government receive a memorandum from the Canadian Committee for the Independence of Armenia regarding the Armenian independence and, if so, on what date?

2. What reply was given?

3. What, if any, representations were made to governments of other countries by the Government of Canada on the question and, on what dates?

4. What response was received?

5. What further action is contemplated by the Government of Canada?

Mr. Paul St. Pierre (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Yes, on April 24, 1971. This memorandum asks the support of all nations for the creation of a free and independent Armenia.

2. The memorandum was acknowledged on May 3, 1971 and has been given serious consideration.

3. No representations have been made to governments of other countries on the question. No other country has made representations to Canada to support the creation of a free and independent Armenia as proposed in the memorandum. There have been no resolutions on the question before the United Nations or any of its agencies in recent years.

4. Not applicable.

5. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, by letter of April 21, 1972, indicated a willingness to meet with representatives of the Armenian Community in Toronto in keeping with his general policy of maintaining contact with leaders of Canadian ethnic groups.

NIHON NOSAN KOGYO COMPANY, JAPAN

Question No. 518—**Mr. Mazankowski:**

Is the government involved in any way, or aware of, a proposal by Nihon Nosan Kogyo Co., the largest compound feed maker in Japan, to develop a wholly-capitalized feed lot operation in Alberta in co-operation with Mitsubishi Corporation, which would run beef cattle and hogs destined for distribution to Canadian, American and Japanese markets?

Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): The Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce is aware of the interests of many Japanese companies in developing a Canadian source of beef, as well as a number of other agricultural commodities. There is no involvement by the Department, however, in the specific project referred to.

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Questions

BEAUCE CONSTITUENCY—NUMBER OF PERSONS
ACCEPTED FOR TRAINING COURSES

Question No. 533—**Mr. Rodrigue:**

1. During the years 1969-70, 1970-71 and 1971-72, how many persons in the constituency of Beauce were accepted for training courses given by the Department of Manpower and Immigration?

2. What amounts were paid to the students?

3. What were the training costs?

[Translation]

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Training information is not available on a constituency basis. The following relates to training provided in the area served by the Canada Manpower Centre at Ville St. Georges: 1. Number of trainees commencing training¹: Fiscal Year: 1969-70; Full Time: 872; Part Time: 483. Fiscal Year: 1970-71; Full Time: 899; Part Time: 767. Fiscal Year: 1971-72²; Full Time: 1,231; Part Time: 388.

2. Training Allowance costs (including trainee travel grants): 1969-70, \$625,201; 1970-71, \$740,651; 1971-72², \$874,992.

3. Training Costs: 1969-70, \$582,104; 1970-71, \$563,878; 1971-72², \$680,529.

¹Does not include Training-in-Industry Program.

²Preliminary and subject to revision.

[English]

ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES—
REQUIREMENT OF STUDENTS WHO BENEFIT UNDER CIDA

Question No. 541—**Mr. Robinson:**

Are the African students who will benefit under the CIDA contribution toward the university scholarship fund administered by the Association of African Universities of Accra, Ghana, required to return to work in their own country after their educational pursuit and (a) if so, for how long (b) if not, are they allowed to immigrate to Canada or other countries after finishing their education?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): The Canadian contribution towards the university scholarship fund of the Association of African Universities is an extension of an existing program supported by other donor countries. Selected students do not sign contracts with the AAU to return to their homeland although it is expected of them. Many students are sponsored by their own governments and have jobs ready for them on their return and it could be that these have signed undertakings to return. However, the signing of such agreements is not a requirement by Canada for students nominated under this program. To answer the second part of the question the graduates may apply for immigration permits to any country in the world; however, there are reasons to expect that many of them will remain in Africa. The education the students receive is regionally oriented and fits them for work in Africa rather than in Europe or North America. This is particularly true in such disciplines as agriculture and tropical medicine. The Canadian project is just beginning and until students graduate it is not possible to report on their actions; however, the Government believes that the pattern will be in accordance with its aims and objectives in assisting developing countries.