

Questions

which that particular responsibility was discharged. It has long been recognized that the arrangements made by the Cabinet for the discharge of business for which it is collectively responsible are not customarily disclosed.

TOBACCO—RESEARCH OF HARMFUL EFFECTS

Question No. 714—Mr. Robinson:

Will the government consider the advisability of requiring the tobacco industry to pay 1% of gross earnings into research of the harmful effects of tobacco?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): The government's policy on tobacco will be announced in due course. This suggestion, along with all others, will be taken into consideration.

CANADA'S GRAIN MARKETING SYSTEM

Question No. 769—Mr. Southam:

1. (a) On what date was the special market review committee appointed by the Canadian Wheat Board to look into Canada's grain marketing system and Wheat Board operations set up (b) what were the names of these members, their qualifications and addresses (c) who was the chairman of this committee (d) what was the salary in each case?

2. (a) Did this "review committee" travel to other countries and, if so, to which ones (b) what was the total cost of this exercise to date (c) who pays the cost of this undertaking?

3. (a) Has the committee's report been released to the Wheat Board as yet (b) will it be released to the general public and, if so, on what date?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. (a) July 6th, 1970. (b) Dr. M. W. Menzies, President, M. W. Menzie Group Limited, Winnipeg. Dr. John Schnittker, Professor of Economics, Kansas State University, and formerly Undersecretary of Agriculture in the United States Government. A. P. Van Stolk, President, Van Stolk's Koninklijke Commissiehandel, Rotterdam, and a grain market advisor to the European Economic Community. Vernon Lester, President of

Powell-Lester, a Vancouver based grain exporting firm. A. T. Baker, former general-manager of the Alberta Wheat Pool, one of Canada's major grain handling companies. Dr. J. L. Leibfried, Executive Assistant to The Canadian Wheat Board. (c) Dr. M. W. Menzies. (d) Chairman, \$200 per diem. Others \$175 per diem except Dr. J. Leibfried an employee of The Canadian Wheat Board.

2. (a) Belgium, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, United States. (b) \$108,158.55. (c) The Canadian Wheat Board.

3. (a) Yes. (b) Yes. When additional copies have been printed and the translation completed.

RADIOACTIVITY LEVELS

Question No. 791—Mr. Reid:

1. Are radioactivity levels checked monthly and, if so, what were the levels in October, November, December, 1970, and January, 1971 at (a) Thunder Bay (b) Atikokan (c) Fort Frances (d) Rainy River (all in Ontario) and (e) Winnipeg, Manitoba?

2. Were the levels checked following a leak from an underground atomic explosion in Nevada in December, 1970 and, if so, what were the levels?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. Radioactivity levels are checked weekly in air, monthly in precipitation, and monthly in milk for Thunder Bay, Ontario and Winnipeg, Manitoba. Levels are not measured at Atikokan, Fort Frances or Rainy River. The results for October, November, December 1970, and January 1971, are given in the attached table.

2. The radioactivity levels in air were checked daily during the period December 24-31, 1970. The results for these days are given in the following table along with weekly value for the weeks before and after the period of increased surveillance. Small increases in air radioactivity from a normal background level of 0.1—0.3 picocuries per cubic meter to 0.5—0.7 picocuries per cubic meter were noted at Toronto and Windsor on December 25 and 26, 1970.

Radioactivity Levels at Winnipeg and Thunder Bay

Medium and Location	October 1970	November 1970	December 1970	January 1971
Total beta activity in air, Thunder Bay (Picocuries per cubic meter).....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total beta activity in air, Winnipeg (pCi/m3).....	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Total beta activity in precipitation, Thunder Bay (Millicuries per square kilometer).....	6.1	2.1	0.8	2.1
Total beta activity in precipitation, Winnipeg (mCi/km ²).....	1.5	1.7	0.4	0.33
Cesium-137 in milk, Thunder Bay (picocuries per litre).....	27	29	22	28
Cesium-137 in milk, Winnipeg (pCi/l).....	26	23	21	21

[Mr. Danson.]