

## Questions

**Mr. Bruce Howard (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Statistics Canada reports that: Canadian trade with France for the years 1970 and 1971:

Exports to France		Imports from France	
Year	\$'000	Year	\$'000
1970	157,198	1970	158,358
1971 (8 months)	103,214	1971 (8 months)	133,448

CANADA'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Question No. 2,050—**Mr. Robinson:**

What has been Canada's contribution to the Inter-American Development Bank and what are the interest and repayment arrangements?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Canada has not made any contributions to the Bank, as such. However, as of September of this year, Canada has made available to the Inter-American Development Bank a total of Cdn. \$60 million for projects to be administered by the Bank upon approval by Canada. This amount has now been fully committed. Canada has recently agreed to make available an additional Cdn. \$14 million for projects suitable for Canadian financing which brings the total allocation to Cdn. \$74 million. Normally loans are for 50 years including a 10-year grace period at zero per cent interest. The Bank charges a 0.5 per cent commission charge on the loans.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE—OPERATION OF REGIONAL DESKS

Question No. 2,057—**Mr. Orlikow:**

1. Have regional desks been established for the Prime Minister's Office?
2. How many such offices have been established, or are planned?
3. Who are the persons in charge of each regional desk and what additional staff has been assigned to the regional desks?
4. What are the qualifications of the persons in charge of each regional desk?
5. What is the annual estimated cost of operating the regional desks?
6. What are the functions of the regional desks?

**Mr. Barnett J. Danson (Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister):** 1. Yes.

2. Four desks have been established and no others are planned

3. Atlantic, Jean Haché; Quebec, Gilles Dufault; Ontario, Colin Kenny; Western Canada, David Thomson. In addition, two stenographers are assigned to the regional desks.

4. Selection is made on the basis of the overall suitability of the individuals experience and personal qualifications in relation to the requirements of the position.

5. \$94,500.

6. The functions of the regional desks are to improve the liaison between the Prime Minister and those voluntary organizations which concern themselves with issues and problems common to many Canadians; to act as an additional source of information and advice to the Prime

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Minister on matters upon which he has requested such information and advice; to be of assistance to members of Parliament in their dealings with the Prime Minister and his office.

CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Question No. 2,098—**Mr. Robinson:**

What was Canada's contribution this year to the following international organizations (a) IBRD (b) IMF (c) IDA (d) IFC (e) FAO (f) UNCTAD (g) UNIDO (h) UNDP (i) UNESCO (j) ECA (k) ECLA (l) ECAFE (m) WHO (n) ILO (o) GATT (p) OECD?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Canada's contributions for fiscal year 1970/1971 were (a) IBRD, 0; (b) IMF, 0; (c) IDA, \$27,027,000 being the last installment of the Second Replenishment; (d) IFC, 0; (e) FAO, \$1,226,000; (f) UNCTAD, The secretariat costs of these organizations are paid from the U.N. regular budget; (g) UNIDO, The secretariat costs of these organizations are paid from the U.N. regular budget; (h) UNDP, \$15,267,000; (i) UNESCO, \$1,174,411; (j) ECA, Canada is not a member; (k) ECLA, the Commission receives its funds through the regular budget of the U.N.; (l) ECAFE, Canada is not a member; (m) WHO, \$2,813,262; (n) ILO, \$1,071,855; (o) GATT, \$231,724; (p) OECD,

AGRICULTURE—AVERAGE PRICE FOR CLASS A PORK

Question No. 2,101—**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):**

1. What was the average price paid to Canadian producers for Class A pork during the first ten months of 1971?
2. What will be the average support price to be established by the Stabilization Board for such meat for the past twelve months?

**Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):** 1. The cumulative weighted national average price to hog producers to October 30, 1971 was \$23.21 per hundredweight.

2. The mandatory support level for the 1971 hog (calendar) year under the Agriculture Stabilization Act is \$24.14 per hundred-weight, basis index 100 hogs.

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION RESPECTING ROYAL AND NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Question No. 2,124—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Does the government intend, during this or the next Session of Parliament, to introduce legislation with respect to either, or both, of our Royal and National Anthems?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Yes.

[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE—WELFARE AND PAY ALLOWANCES

Question No. 2,126—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Will there be any increase in costs to CAF personnel before the end of 1972 with respect to meals, SDB insurance rates, mess dues, clothing allowances or costs and, if so, by what amounts?

**Mr. Jack Cullen (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence):** Meals—The charges for prepared rations in the Canadian Forces are adjusted periodically