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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT—SICKNESS BENEFIT

Question No. 2,223—Mr. Forrestall:

Is it the intention of the government to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act to provide for unemployment benefits for the full duration of illness, in the initial benefit period, rather than the 15 weeks as now provided and (a) if so, on what date (b) if not, for what reason?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): The Unemployment Insurance Commission is conducting a review of the Unemployment Insurance Act and Regulations in the light of representations made prior to and since the tabling of Bill C-125.

AGRICULTURE—RESEARCH ON HIPROLY BARLEY

Question No. 2,235—Mr. Mazankowski:

1. Is any research and development being carried out by the Department of Agriculture on Hiproly Barley and, if so (a) what is being done (b) what are the potential prospects?

2. Have representations been made to the government by the Western Hog Growers Association for assistance in establishing a development program involving the federal government, the Province of Alberta and producers and, if so, what was the response?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. (a) Active plant breeding work is underway using the high protein, high lysine accession "Hiproly" (C.I. 3947). The achievement of higher protein and higher lysine content is the main quality objective in feed barley work. This year a seed increase plot has been established for one of the high lysine selections with a view to obtaining sufficient grain for an animal feeding trial. (b) The plant breeding work has not progressed sufficiently to speculate as to the date when a variety would be available for release to farmers.

2. The Western Hog Growers Association made representations for a cooperative research program involving the Association, the Alberta Department of Agriculture and the Department. The Department is now waiting the final decision of the other parties in respect of implementation of the proposed cooperative program.

FEDERAL LABOUR INTENSIVE PROJECT

Question No. 2,265—Mr. Alexander:

1. How long has the Federal Labour Intensive Project scheme been in existence?

2. What was the budget for this program for the years 1972-73 and 1973-74?

3. What department administers the program?

4. How many ministries are involved with the program?

5. For the years 1972-73 and 1973-74, by province, how much money was expected in relation to the program?

6. Who initiated the program and what is its purpose?

7. By province, what is the name of the project, where is it located and how much money has been allotted in relation thereto?

8. How many summaries of employees have been filed and what is the purpose of them?

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9. What is the source of the funds being used for the Federal Labour Intensive Project?

Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board): 1. There have been two "Federal Labour Intensive Project" programs. The first started in October 1971 and ended May 31, 1972. The second started in late 1972 and ended May 31, 1973.

2. The programs were budgeted for on a seasonal rather than on a fiscal year basis. The budget was \$80 million for the first program and \$60 million for the second.

3. The programs were carried out by several departments and agencies under the general direction of the Treasury Board.

4. Eighteen ministries were involved in the 1971-72 program and twenty in the 1972-73 program.

5. Expenditure data were accumulated by region rather than by province. The actual costs for the fiscal years 1971-72 and 1972-73 and the forecast costs for 1973-74 are as follows:

	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74
Atlantic	7,244,000	5,123,000	4,320,000
Quebec	15,840,000	15,615,000	11,651,000
Ontario	15,099,000	10,277,000	10,308,000
Prairie	9,069,000	6,062,000	5,760,000
Pacific	6,318,000	3,490,000	4,163,000
Total	53,570,000	40,567,000*	36,202,000

*\$21,556,000 relates to the first program and \$19,011,000 relates to the second.

6. The program was initiated by the government to provide jobs for unemployed workers during the traditionally high winter periods of unemployment.

7. A listing of all projects by province is not readily available and would be difficult and costly to compile. There were approximately 5,000 separate projects undertaken in the two programs.

8. It is assumed that "summaries of employment" refers to the forms employees were asked to complete. There were 5,674 replies received under the 1971-72 program and approximately 4,000 to date under the 1972-73 program. The information is required to assist in evaluation and the planning of possible future programs.

9. The projects are financed temporarily from departmental votes in Main Estimates, and are recouped later in Supplementary Estimates as necessary.

CBC—PROGRAM "THE SLOANE AFFAIR"

Question No. 2,307—Mr. Clark (Rocky Mountain):

1. For what reason or reasons was the program "The Sloane Affair" chosen to be re-run on the national English network of CBC on June 27?

2. Was there any correspondence or other communication between CBC and the office of the Minister of National Revenue leading to the decision to re-run the program and, if so, what was the nature of that correspondence or communication?