

Answer: 1. The cost of medical care distinct from medical care given in hospitals and of medication distinct from medication given in hospitals for mental illness is not known.

The cost of hospital care given to mental in patients has been estimated at \$158,469,000 for 1961. Of this total, \$132,206,000 was reported to d.b.s.; the remaining \$26,263,000 was estimated to take account both of the costs of public mental hospitals failing to report expenditure data to d.b.s. and of the costs of other hospitals giving (some) mental care but not asked to supply d.b.s. with (separate) financial figures. This latter group is comprised of private mental hospitals, federal psychiatric units and public hospital psychiatric units. The estimates in all cases were based on the days of in patient care provided to mental cases by the institutions in question.

2. Not available.

BUTTER CONVERTED TO BUTTER OIL

Question No. 1,490—Mr. Peters:

1. How much butter, in pounds, has been converted into butter oils during the years 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962?

2. What sales have been made for the commodity butter oil, for each of the above years, and at what price?

3. For what purpose was the butter oil purchased?

Mr. Hays: 1. 1957, nil; 1958, nil; 1959, nil; 1960, 20,581,225 pounds; 1961, 51,358,428 pounds; 1962, 33,035,777 pounds.

2. 1957, nil; 1958, nil; 1959, nil; 1960, 986,485 pounds at 78½ cents per pound, basis Toronto and Montreal; 1961, 709,300 pounds at 78½ cents per pound, basis Toronto and Montreal; 1962, 353,437 pounds at 65 cents per pound, basis Toronto and Montreal.

3. For domestic manufacturing purposes.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR GRAIN EXCHANGES

Question No. 1,491—Mr. Langlois:

1. What responsibility, if any, has the federal government for the licensing or control of operations of the (a) Winnipeg grain exchange (b) Montreal grain exchange, and (c) Toronto grain exchange?

2. What are the functions of the above mentioned grain exchanges and, is there any federal control over prices set by these exchanges?

3. If federally licensed, on what date did each exchange commence operation, and what agency granted the license?

Mr. Pickersgill: 1, 2 and 3. The federal government has no responsibility in relation to the operations of grain exchanges.

PLANS TO ENLARGE OR ESTABLISH NEW MEDICAL COLLEGES

Question No. 1,494—Mr. Orlikow:

Is the government discussing with the provincial governments, the medical colleges and the Canadian medical association the advisability of (a) increasing the size of the present medical colleges, or (b)

the establishment of new medical colleges with a view to making it possible to meet Canadian needs for doctors in the 1970's as a result of the rapidly increasing Canadian population?

Miss LaMarsh: Several of the briefs presented to the royal commission on health services dealt with the need for the training of health personnel and the royal commission has instituted a number of studies with this in mind. It is expected that the royal commission will be making recommendations in this regard to which the government will give careful consideration.

AUDIT CLERKS, NATIONAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT

Question No. 1,497—Mr. Laprise:

How many audit clerks are there to check income tax returns in the taxation division of the Department of National Revenue (a) in Canada (b) in the province of Quebec, (c) in the Rouyn office?

[Translation]

Mr. Garland: The question presumably has to do with assessors since there are no audit clerks in the taxation division.

(a) At present, the division has 2,254 assessors; (b) 430 in the province of Quebec; (c) 13 in the Rouyn office.

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*AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT

Question No. 1,499—Mr. Fisher:

1. At what stage is the Auditor General's report for the year ending March 31, 1963?

2. Has the Minister of National Revenue or the deputy minister (taxation) been shown a draft or any portion of a draft of this particular year?

3. If so, under what authority (statute, etc.) was the Auditor General empowered to do this?

4. Does the Auditor General consider it his responsibility to inform a department that it must or should collect revenue, including instructions on how it is to be done, or should he report such matters first to parliament?

Mr. Benson: Mr. Speaker, I have been informed by the assistant auditor general that:

1. The first draft of the report has been considered by the Auditor General and his senior officers, and a second draft is now being given consideration.

2. No. (However, as in previous years, where it is deemed necessary in order to ensure factual correctness and that notice is being taken of all material facts, copies of some draft paragraphs will be shown, in confidence, to the deputy ministers or other senior officers of the departments concerned).

3. The practice of showing some draft paragraphs of the report, in confidence, to deputy ministers or other senior departmental officers is one of long standing, though not specifically provided by statute.

4. No, the Auditor General does not consider it his responsibility to inform a department that it must or should collect revenue, including instructions on how it is to be