

Questions

Research. On matters coming before the Cabinet itself, in which scientific and technological considerations are relevant, the Chief Science Adviser works as part of the Privy Council office through the Secretary to the Cabinet.

4. Answered in 3 above.
5. None.

PREGNANT MARE ESTROGENS

Question No. 2,339—**Mr. Howard (Skeena):**

1. Does the government have any knowledge of the procedures used to obtain estrogens from pregnant mares?
2. If so, what are the details about such procedures and, if they are considered of a cruel nature, are any plans underway to limit the degree of such cruelty and, if so, what are the details of any such plans?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture):

1. Yes.
2. The general sanitation, care, and management under which these mares are kept compares favourably with husbandry practices on the average premises where horses are maintained.

Urine is collected for about 4½ months during which the mares are stabled, with daily exercise, and the remainder of the time they are at pasture. The supply of water and the diet is regulated in order to have urine of high quality. A controlled salt intake lessens the desire for water.

FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL MANPOWER
COMMITTEEQuestion No. 2,363—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. When was the Federal-Provincial Manpower Committee established?
2. What are its terms of reference and responsibilities?
3. To whom and when does it report?
4. Who are the present representatives on this committee and by whom were they appointed?
5. How often does it meet and when did it last meet?
6. What expenses has it incurred?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): 1. No committee having the name: federal-provincial manpower committee has been established by the Minister or by the Department of Manpower and Immigration.

2. Not applicable.

[Mr. Walker.]

3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. Not applicable.
6. Not applicable.

LOAN TO COMMONWEALTH TRUST COMPANY

Question No. 2,365—**Mrs. MacInnis:**

1. Did the Commonwealth Trust Company apply for a loan to the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation during 1968?
2. Did the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation find the state of the financial affairs of the Company unsatisfactory?
3. Did they make any recommendations to the Company to rectify this?
4. Was this information transmitted to the Government of British Columbia or to any of its officials?

Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):

1, 2, 3 and 4. As was stated on May 21 in answer to the similar question No. 2,112, *Hansard* page 8888, it has not been the practice nor is it considered appropriate for the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation to make public any information relating to the affairs of any member institution.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION
ADVERTISINGQuestion No. 2,374—**Mr. MacDonald (Egmont):**

1. Since January 1, 1967, what advertising or publicity material had been prepared for or circulated by the Department of Forestry and Rural Development or the Department of Regional Economic Expansion?
2. In what provinces was it distributed, in what manner and at what times?
3. What firms prepared or produced this material and at what cost?
4. Were tenders called and, if so, what were the bids of the unsuccessful firms?
5. Who were the chief executive officers in firms awarded contracts for advertising or publicity purposes?

Mr. Russell C. Honey (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): 1 and 2. Five advertisements were distributed in all provinces and one in Quebec. All related to programs of the Rural Development Branch of the former department, and were placed in selected daily and weekly newspapers and farm journals and on selected radio and television stations in January, February, March and May 1968.