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ANGLICAN CHURCH RESOLUTIONS

Question No. 1,506—Mr. Cossitt:

Is the government aware that the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada at its June session passed certain matters related to government on the subject of pensions, abortion, a bill of rights, human rights, industrial development and native land claims and (a) if so, what is the government's policy on the subjects (b) if not, will it contact the Anglican Church of Canada for copies of such resolutions to consider the policies written therein?

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Health and Welfare, Justice, Regional Economic Expansion and Indian Affairs and Northern Development as follows:

In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned:

- (a) On the subject of pensions, the Synod recommended that its national executive explores whether or not government pension and welfare payments discriminate against married couples, and it requested its officers to take action, if appropriate. It is the view of the Department of National Health and Welfare that the pension programs it administers do not discriminate against married couples. The guaranteed income supplement is paid at a higher level to a single pensioner than to married pensioners, but this is considered to be a legitimate reflection of their relative cost of living.

- (b) Not applicable.

In so far as the Department of Justice is concerned: No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Not applicable. We would, of course, be pleased to receive copies of the resolutions relevant to the department's mandate and would give them consideration.

In so far as the Department of Regional Economic Expansion is concerned: (a) and (b) The Department is aware of the resolutions of the General Synod of the Anglican Church. The text of the resolutions however is not available since it has not yet been published.

In so far as the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development is concerned: (a) and (b) No. The department would, however, be pleased to receive a copy of the pertinent resolution(s) for comment.

NUMBER OF ABORTIONS SINCE 1975

Question No. 2,722—Mr. Beatty:

For each year since 1975, by province, how many fetuses were aborted at (a) 21 weeks or over (b) 13 weeks or over?

Hon. J.-J. Blais (Minister of Supply and Services): The tables below give the number of therapeutic abortions authorized under the current abortion legislation and performed in hospitals with therapeutic abortion committees. These tables are tabulated by province since 1975.

The gestation period referred to in tables I and II is the interval between the onset of the last menstrual period and the expulsion or removal of the fetus. The area refers to the

residence of the women who obtained the therapeutic abortions.

The data for 1980 are not yet available.

Table I

Number of fetuses therapeutically aborted with gestations 21 weeks and over					
Area	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Newfoundland	1	—	2	—	1
Prince Edward Island	—	—	1	—	—
Nova Scotia	10	16	5	10	11
New Brunswick	2	3	1	2	2
Quebec	19	22	54	42	33
Ontario	31	19	37	31	23
Manitoba	2	2	6	4	—
Saskatchewan	12	2	1	4	6
Alberta	11	14	26	12	13
British Columbia	20	14	17	17	25
Yukon	1	1	—	—	—
Northwest Territories	—	—	—	—	—
Canada	109	93	150	122	114

Table II

Number of fetuses therapeutically aborted with gestations 13 weeks and over					
Area	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
Newfoundland	64	138	168	174	166
Prince Edward Island	13	8	11	7	10
Nova Scotia	290	382	367	400	314
New Brunswick	95	99	82	95	84
Quebec	963	1,060	1,004	1,028	1,054
Ontario	4,409	4,109	3,882	3,910	3,873
Manitoba	394	367	421	500	277
Saskatchewan	290	165	126	146	205
Alberta	948	1,064	1,226	1,317	1,363
British Columbia	1,681	1,724	1,704	1,888	1,752
Yukon	23	11	19	14	14
Northwest Territories	9	26	23	31	17
Canada	9,179	9,153	9,033	9,510	9,129

Note: 21 weeks and over included.

NATIONAL ACCOUNT SINCE 1926

Question No. 2,752—Mr. Cossitt:

For each year since Confederation, on a national accounts basis, what was the (a) spending (b) revenue (c) surplus or deficit of the government?

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of State (Finance)): The federal government revenue, expenditure and surplus (or deficit) on a national accounts basis from 1926 to 1980-81 are shown in the list below. Figures were not compiled for the years prior to 1926.

Federal government: National accounts basis

	Revenue	Expenditure (\$ Millions)	Surplus or Deficit (-)
1926	389	- 321	68
1927	404	- 336	68
1928	449	- 344	105