

Order Paper Questions

GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH

Question No. 835—Mr. Herbert:

Has the government considered increasing the funding next year for research, particularly medical research by 5% over and above inflation?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): The Government is presently reviewing budgetary allocations for next year and these will be tabled in February for consideration by the House. In preparing the 1977-78 Estimates we are endeavouring to recognize both general price increases and those peculiar to research so that the real value of our research budgets will not be diminished. However, in view of our overriding concern to restrain government expenditures, it is

	1967	1968	1969
Canadian Pension Commission	332	329	310
Pension Review Board	—	—	—
War Veterans Allowance Board	30	31	31
Bureau of Pensions Advocates	168	165	126
Veterans Services	987	1,005	961
Treatment Services	8,766	8,716	8,121
Administrative Services	428	444	513
Total	10,711	10,690	10,062

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS—PERSONNEL

Question No. 857—Mr. Herbert:

For each of the past ten years, how many public servants in the Department of Veterans Affairs (a) were transferred from other departments (b) are new entrants into the Public Service?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): This information is not readily available from Departmental Personnel Records. To acquire such information would require a manual review of approximately 8,000 employees' Personnel History Cards which are located in the various field offices of the Department.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—NUMBER OF FORMER VETERAN EMPLOYEES

Question No. 867—Mr. Herbert:

In the Canadian Pension Commission, the Pension Review Board, the War Veterans Allowance Board and the Bureau of Pension Advocates as well as veterans services, treatment services and administration services of the Department of Veterans Affairs, how many of the personnel are veterans?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): This information is not readily available from Departmental Personnel Records. To acquire such information would require a manual review of approximately 8,000 employees' files which are located in the various field offices of the Department.

LOANS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Question No. 884—Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

In the past five years, did the government make any loans to foreign countries and, if so (a) in what amounts (b) to which countries (c) at what interest rates (d) what were the terms of repayment?

[Mr. Roberts.]

unlikely that incremental resources as high as 5% over and above inflation will be made available for research grants in the immediate future.

VETERANS AFFAIRS—PERSONNEL

Question No. 855—Mr. Herbert:

How many public servants were employed by the Canadian Pension Commission, the Pension Review Board, the War Veterans Allowance Board and the Bureau of Pension Advocates as well as veterans services, treatment services and administration services of the Department of Veterans Affairs as at March 31 for each of the past ten years?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):

	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976
Canadian Pension Commission	297	299	314	359	373	358	450
Pension Review Board	—	—	9	10	14	14	17
War Veterans Allowance Board	28	27	26	28	30	34	44
Bureau of Pensions Advocates	115	105	82	94	105	106	112
Veterans Services	838	816	842	845	843	842	901
Treatment Services	7,980	7,890	7,959	7,546	7,410	5,822	5,907
Administrative Services	592	729	499	479	429	386	284
Total	9,850	9,866	9,731	9,361	9,204	7,562	7,715

Mr. Bob Kaplan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Finance): No loans have been made to foreign countries by the Department of Finance in the past five years.

[English]

Mr. Goodale: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Is that agreed?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

INCOME TAX ACT

MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed, from Friday, November 19, consideration of the motion of Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale) that Bill C-22, to amend the statute law relating to income tax, be read the second time and referred to committee of the whole.

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, the opening part of this debate centred on a review of the economy. Certainly, the minister spent half his time, when introducing the bill, on such review, and my colleague from York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens) devoted almost his entire speech to replying to the minister. We are now considering Bill C-22, the