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## VETERANS AFFAIRS—HOSPITALS

**Question No. 245—Mr. Herbert:**

1. How many veterans presently in hospitals administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs are not considered the responsibility of the government?
2. What is the cost to the government to look after them and what amount does each provincial government contribute toward the cost?
3. Does the government permit the inclusion of such provincial contributions for the calculation of the federal-provincial medical cost-sharing program?

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):**  
1. 899.

## 2. Ste. Anne's Hospital, Province of Quebec

Cost to Government	—	\$ 70.00 per diem
Recoveries (Provincial)	—	\$ 35.00 per diem—Active \$ 25.00 per diem—Chronic

## Deer Lodge Hospital, Province of Manitoba

Cost to Government	—	\$143.10 per diem—Active \$ 73.45 per diem—Chronic
Recoveries (Provincial)	—	\$127.55 per diem—Active Nil —Chronic

3. No. The federal-provincial medical cost-sharing system has been superseded by a system of block payments to the provinces.

## SECOND OFFICIAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION

**Question No. 332—Mr. Herbert:**

Does the government intend to conclude an interim funding arrangement for the fiscal year 1979-80 for minority and second official language education and, if so, will the terms and conditions of the agreement be made public?

**Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):** Arrangements for providing financial assistance on a interim basis for the 1979-80 fiscal year for non-formula programs and for formula funding were concluded with the provinces. The interim arrangements basically constituted a continuation of programs provided under previous agreements and therefore were governed by the same terms and conditions, subject to arrangements limiting total funding for formula programs to \$140 million and for non-formula programs to \$30.4 million. The terms and conditions governing former agreements, which had been made public previously, were therefore still applicable.

## MINORITY OFFICIAL LANGUAGE GROUP

**Question No. 334—Mr. Herbert:**

1. Is it the government's intention to support the opportunities for Canadians of the minority official language group in each province (English in Quebec, French in other provinces) to be educated in their own language and, if so, by what means?

2. Will conditions apply to any new agreement and will it be possible to terminate the agreement, at any time, if the conditions are not fulfilled?

**Mr. Peter Stollery (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):** 1. The federal government has provided financial assistance to provinces since 1970-71 with the objective of supporting opportunities for Canadians of the minority official language group in each province to be educated in their own language. The assistance has been provided under two successive federal-provincial agreements on official languages in education, the latter of which expired March 31, 1979. Funds for the 1979-80 fiscal year were provided under an interim arrangement, and funding on an interim basis has also been agreed to for certain programs in 1980-81. Negotiations to conclude new long term agreements, commencing 1980-81 are currently underway.

2. As the new agreement has not yet been finalized, it is not possible at this time, to comment on any particular conditions that it may contain.

## ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES—LAWYERS ON STAFF

**Question No. 611—Mr. Howie:**

How many lawyers are employed on staff in the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows:

There are no lawyers employed on staff in the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. However, the Department of Justice has assigned six lawyers to provide the day to day legal counsel required by the department.

## ENVIRONMENT—PUBLIC RELATIONS

**Question No. 634—Mr. Howie:**

How many persons engaged in public relations, publicity or media relations, are employed on staff in the Department of the Environment?

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of State for Science and Technology and Minister of the Environment):**

Headquarters:	43
Regions:	25
Total:	68

## CRTC—BROCKVILLE, ONTARIO

**Question No. 683—Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Did the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission receive a resolution under cover of a letter from the city council of Brockville, Ontario approximately five months ago on the subject of service etc. rendered by Brockville Amusements Limited and some times known as Brockville Cable Limited and, if so (a) what was the date of the letter (b) was the letter answered or acknowledged and, if not, for what reason?

2. Did Vincent Lee Chong of the CRTC receive an inquiry within the last several weeks from a member of the Brockville city council asking why the commission had not had the courtesy to reply and, if so, was the answer given