

Order Paper Questions

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SOCIAL SECURITY AGREEMENTS

Question No. 1,645—Mr. Cossitt:

1. Did the Minister of National Health and Welfare announce on October 21, 1980, that a Canada-France Agreement had been signed on social security and that a similar agreement was signed with Italy in January, 1979, and, if so, are negotiations taking place with other countries at the present time in a similar vein and, if so, in each case (a) what is the name of the country (b) on what date did negotiations commence (c) how are they progressing and what is the anticipated date of conclusion?

2. Are the United States and Great Britain involved in such negotiations and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. The Minister of National Health and Welfare announced on October 21, 1980, that an administrative arrangement had been signed, defining the provisions for the administration of the Canada-France Agreement on social security which had been signed on February 9, 1979. This agreement will enter into force on March 1, 1981. A similar agreement with Italy which had been signed on November 17, 1977, entered into force on January 1, 1979. An agreement is to be signed with Portugal in December, 1980, and it is expected to enter into force in early 1981. Negotiations in a similar vein, or preliminary contacts with a view to such negotiations, are currently under way with other countries as follows:

- (a) Greece.
- (b) A preliminary information meeting was held in Ottawa from October 14 to 16, 1980.
- (c) Consensus was reached on the general parameters of an eventual agreement and on a timetable for preparing a draft of such an instrument. The signing of an agreement is anticipated for the spring of 1981.
- (a) Belgium.
- (b) No formal negotiations have yet taken place, although a preliminary information meeting was held in Ottawa in July, 1978.
- (c) Further discussions are required to develop mutually acceptable provisions of an agreement.

2. Technical discussions were held by U.S. and Canadian officials in Ottawa in October, 1979, and in Washington in July, 1980. The conclusion and signature of an agreement and the necessary administrative arrangement will hopefully take place early in 1981. A first meeting concerning a possible agreement took place between British and Canadian officials in London in July, 1977. Since then there have been numerous contacts and communications at the official, ministerial and prime ministerial levels in an attempt to persuade the British side to commence formal negotiations. On October 22, 1980, in London, the Right Hon. Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services in the government of the United Kingdom, indicated categorically to the Minister of National Health and Welfare that, for financial reasons, there was no possibility at all for an agreement and no scope for keeping the door open for negotiations on an agreement in the future.

OLD AGE SECURITY RECIPIENTS

Question No. 1,970—Mr. Knowles:

1. How many persons in Canada, and in each province, are in receipt of the Old Age Security pension?

2. Of the recipients of the Old Age Security pension, how many persons in Canada, and in each province, are in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement?

3. Of those receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement, how many persons in Canada, and in each province, are receiving the full amount?

4. What is the average amount, in Canada and in each province, being received as a Guaranteed Income Supplement by recipients of the Old Age Security pension?

5. Do the answers to the above questions take into consideration persons living outside of Canada who are in receipt of the Old Age Security pension and, if so, how many of such persons are there, and if they are considered as belonging to the various provinces, what is the number for each province?

Mr. Doug Frith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1, 2 and 3. Please see list below.

4. Please see list below.

5. Please see list below.

Number of Persons in Canada in Receipt of

	1. Old Age Security Pension	2. Guaranteed Income Supplement	3. Full Guaranteed Income Supplement
Newfoundland	43,291	35,201	17,788
Prince Edward Island	14,692	10,636	3,564
Nova Scotia	91,188	60,697	20,236
New Brunswick	69,613	46,558	16,847
Quebec	557,342	356,088	125,546
Ontario	839,563	381,773	84,129
Manitoba	119,880	65,741	15,725
Saskatchewan	114,033	61,409	16,301
Alberta	155,923	82,980	23,028
British Columbia	283,761	136,301	35,038
Yukon	687	363	223
Northwest Territories	1,207	962	768
International Operations ⁽¹⁾	849	368	92
Canada	2,292,029	1,239,077	359,285

NOTE: Above figures relate to December, 1980.

⁽¹⁾ Represents the persons paid under international agreements.

4. Average Amount of Guaranteed Income Supplement Being Received Each Month by Recipients of the Old Age Security Pension

	Based Upon Old Age Security Population	Based Upon Guaranteed Income Supplement Population
Newfoundland	\$125.76	\$154.67
Prince Edward Island	107.43	148.40
Nova Scotia	95.40	143.32
New Brunswick	97.06	145.12
Quebec	92.34	144.53
Ontario	61.04	134.23
Manitoba	74.98	136.73
Saskatchewan	75.56	140.31
Alberta	73.58	138.26
British Columbia	65.05	135.44
Yukon	85.85	162.47
Northwest Territories	136.99	171.88
International Operations ⁽¹⁾	106.63	246.01*
Canada	75.50	139.65

NOTE: Above figures relate to December, 1980.

⁽¹⁾ Represents the persons paid under international agreements.

The left hand column gives the average amount of Guaranteed Income Supplement paid in December, 1980, on the basis of the total Old Age