

3. The bursary, training grant, scholarship and fellowship provisions are used to assist persons taking social work training. Costs of bursaries and training grants are shared with the provinces. Scholarships and fellowships are 100 per cent federal responsibility.

The amount of bursary and training grant is determined by the provincial welfare authorities, with the federal share not to exceed \$4,000 for a calendar year plus \$500 for dependents. These grants are reduced proportionately for periods of less than one year. Necessary travel costs are also paid.

Scholarships and fellowships are awarded by the Minister of National Health and Welfare. The maximum amount of a scholarship is \$2,500 for a calendar year, plus \$500 for dependents. The maximum amount of a fellowship is \$4,000 for a calendar year, plus \$500 for dependents. These awards are reduced proportionately for periods less than one year. Necessary travel costs are also paid.

4. In the fiscal year 1966-67 funds in the amount of \$171,503 were expended in connection with a variety of welfare research projects, surveys and studies, priority being given to those projects which held promise of making significant steps forward in the organization, co-ordination and staffing of welfare services and in the development of new services focussed on meeting welfare needs and on the prevention of welfare problems and dependency.

5. Yes, through the technical and vocational agreements of the Department of Manpower and Immigration and the national welfare grants program of the Department of National Health and Welfare, provincial departments received assistance in 1966-67 to undertake programs of training for sub-professional personnel, and these programs, which have advisory committees operating in conjunction with them, will be evaluated in terms of their effectiveness in producing competent personnel for the welfare field.

To date in the current fiscal year 1967-68, a grant was awarded to the Children's Aid Society of Vancouver to study the use of welfare aides in child welfare: an application from the Department of Public Welfare in Newfoundland for a study of the effectiveness of their in-service and undergraduate training for sub-professional welfare personnel is pending; and consultation has been provided to the department of social welfare, British Columbia, to develop a research project on staff utilization in public welfare services.

Questions

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH PLACEMENT OFFICERS

Question No. 301—Mr. Orlikow:

How many employment placement officers does the Indian affairs branch employ in each province and, of these, how many are of Indian descent?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): There are 32 employment placement officers in the Indian affairs branch as of June 23, 1967. None of these is of Indian status. The distribution of these officers by provinces is as follows:

Nova Scotia	2
New Brunswick	1
Quebec	4
Ontario	11
Manitoba	1
Saskatchewan	3
Alberta	3
British Columbia	7
Total	32

FUND FOR RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Question No. 303—Mr. MacDonald (Prince):

1. Have regulations been enacted for the fund for rural economic development and, if so, on what date?

2. What are the terms of any such regulations?

3. What provinces or agencies have made applications to this fund, for what projects and for what amounts?

4. What allocations from this fund have been made, when and for what amounts?

5. Is it expected that allocations will be made for Prince Edward Island and, if so, when, for what amount and for what purposes?

Hon. Maurice Sauvé (Minister of Forestry and Rural Development): 1. No.

2. See above.

3. Most provinces have shown interest and actual studies are under way in Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. There are indications that provinces may soon proceed to survey their needs. See also 4 below.

4. Agreements have been signed with New Brunswick and Manitoba for contributions under the Fund for Rural Economic Development Act. Programs in New Brunswick include the northeast New Brunswick federal-provincial rural development agreement with a contribution from the fund and from ARDA over a ten year period of \$31.5 million and the Mactaquac agreement with a ten year FRED contribution of \$9.4 million. Both these agreements were signed September 20, 1966.