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The Medical Research Council of Canada has contributed in real dollars to research and/or education for each of the following:

	1983	%	1993	%
Cancer	\$3,200,000	2.8%	\$6,900,000	2.8%
Cardiovascular	\$7,300,000	6.6%	\$15,700,000	6.3%
Diabetes	\$3,800,000	3.4%	\$6,300,000	2.5%
AIDS	0	0	\$2,300,000	0.9%

**Question No. 52—Mr. Harper:**

For the last five years, (a) how many Canadian Forces members have filed an application for a redress of grievance, (b) what is the mean length of time to process a redress from date of filing to final resolution, and (c) what percentage of redresses are decided in favour of the applicant?

**Mr. Fred Mifflin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs):** a) No statistical records are kept of grievances at levels subordinate to National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ). In the last five years, however, grievances received at NDHQ for consideration by the chief of the defence staff, minister or governor in council were as follows:

1989—259  
1990—341  
1991—361  
1992—424  
1993—366  
1994—108 (to end April)

b) The length of time between the original submission and the final decision varies from several days to several years depending upon the level at which a reply satisfactory to the griever is given. Therefore, the mean time for grievances cannot be determined since no statistics are kept on those grievances that do not reach NDHQ.

c) It is not known what percentage of all grievances are decided, in whole or in part, in favour of the applicant, since such statistics are not kept for grievances not received at NDHQ. Of those received at NDHQ, the aurterly percentage granted in favour of the applicant, in whole or in part, during the last five years, was as follows:

	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter
1989	40%	43%	38%	43%
1990	55%	41%	50%	32%
1991	37%	45%	42%	47%
1992	50%	46%	33%	29%
1993	39%	29%	26%	50%
1994	49%			

**Question No. 58—Mr. Simmons:**

With respect to the Auditor General's finding in his 1993 report that the \$200 million seniors strategy "was renewed in 1993 without reliable, complete and timely information on the results of the first five years of spending", (a) what specific action is the Department of Health taking to clarify objectives and activities, and to ensure that renewal funds are expended appropriately and effectively, (b) how does the department ensure that recipients of funds for programs under the seniors strategy comply with the terms and conditions of the arrangements, and (c) what proportion of the total costs of each arrangement is administrative?

**Hon. Diane Marleau (Minister of Health):** (a) The key elements of the \$170\* million seniors strategy have now been combined under a single administration in Health Canada to improve co-ordination among the components and ensure more effective management of the overall strategy. All elements of the strategy establish annual priorities in consultation with other federal programs and with stakeholders to ensure the most effective use of the funds. All elements of the seniors strategy will be evaluated by the end of the strategy to determine their effectiveness in meeting their intended objectives.

(b) There are two elements of the seniors strategy which provide contribution funding. These are the seniors community programs (new horizons, seniors independence program and ventures) and the seniors independence research program. These programs all have clearly defined objectives, program criteria and comprehensive review processes. All funded projects are governed by an agreement between the project sponsor and Health Canada which contains details of financial obligations, record keeping, reports on progress and achievements and related matters. Projects are monitored throughout their life-cycle by Health Canada staff by various means including onsite visits and completion of progress reports. At the end of funding all projects must complete a basic evaluation and financial accounting report.

(c) Based on the allocation as originally approved in the seniors strategy, the proportion of administrative costs to program costs is 13 per cent for the seniors community programs and 18 per cent for the seniors independence research program. The estimated administrative costs for the seniors community programs and for the seniors independence research program are based on the approved strategy funds and predate the merger of the seniors directorate.

\* Treasury Board approved a \$170 million, five-year seniors strategy in April 1993. There was a small A-base for certain components (new horizons program and the national advisory council on aging). This A-base is estimated at slightly less than \$51 million over the five-year period. These two amounts total \$221 million.

**Question No. 59—Mr. Lavigne:**

With respect to the program to replace the 5/4 tonne vehicles built by General Motors for the Department of National Defence, (a) what is the cost of the new vehicle acquisition program, (b) what are the results of the tests carried out on these vehicles (i) by National Defence personnel and (ii) by civilian contractors, and (c) what is the value of the contracts awarded to civilian contractors to carry out these tests?