

Questions

available as a result of loss of earnings by patients in hospitals and patients from industry?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. The total direct cost of mental illness is unknown. The operating expenditures reported by public mental institutions in 1962 amounted to \$141,600,000. The operating cost of psychiatric care in general hospitals for that year (excluding medical care) can be estimated at \$17,500,000. The direct cost of medical care and medication outside mental institutions is not known.

2. Information on the indirect cost of mental illness in Canada is not available.

REDUCTIONS IN MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS

Question No. 1,909—Mr. Orlikow:

1. During the last fiscal year, how many projects were not approved, or reduced in amount, because the Department of National Health and Welfare did not have funds allocated to assist the provinces with an orderly development of their mental health programs?

2. During the last fiscal year, how many hospital construction projects have been refused, or reduced in amount, because the Department of National

Health and Welfare did not have funds allocated to assist the provinces with an orderly development of hospital facilities?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare): 1. None. The provinces submitted projects for the development of their mental health programs within the amounts of allocation for the year 1963-64.

2. None. All projects submitted by the provinces for federal assistance on behalf of hospital construction have been approved under the terms of the hospital construction grant. It is understood that some provinces have established priorities in the submission of projects and resulting payments under this grant.

MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAMS

Question No. 1,911—Mr. Orlikow:

1. What was the number of training programs, bursaries, and short courses in the field of mental health in each of the past ten years?

2. What was the total amount available in mental health grants for each of these years?

Hon. Judy V. LaMarsh (Minister of National Health and Welfare):

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	Training programs approved	Bursaries approved	Short courses approved	Amount available
1954-55	22	344	154	\$ 7,234,868
1955-56	18	336	155	7,234,868
1956-57	17	333	156	7,234,868
1957-58	17	358	194	7,234,868
1958-59	19	379	147	7,234,868
1959-60	20	394	196	7,234,868
1960-61	22	409	178	8,765,391
1961-62	20	398	218	8,765,391
1962-63	20	393	163	8,765,391
1963-64	18	406	164	8,765,391

PUBLIC USE OF ST. HUBERT AIRPORT

Question No. 1,914—Mr. Rondeau:

Will the R.C.A.F. airport located at St. Hubert, P.Q. soon be converted into a civil airport while still remaining available to the air force and, if so, when will the airport be available for public use?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of National Defence): The transfer of responsibility for the St. Hubert airfield to the Department of Transport was announced on December 5, 1963. However, subsequent developments have resulted in further discussions taking place between the two departments and

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transfer of the airfield has been deferred for the time being.

RESEARCH INTO SUICIDE CAUSES

Question No. 1,917—Mr. Mather:

1. In British Columbia, and in Canada, what has been the death rate from suicide in each of the last ten years?

2. Is the government conducting, or lending financial support to, research into the causes of the high rate of suicide in British Columbia and, if so, at which institutions and under whose direction is such research being conducted?

3. What have been the results to date of such research?

4. What is the annual cost to the government of such research?