the fiscal years 1971-72 and 1972-73 to date, and what were the amounts in each case?

- 2. What are the objectives of the above program?
- 3. Has the department conducted any evaluative study of the program and, if so, what was the date of the latest report?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): 1. For reasons of commercial confidentiality, this information is not available.

- 2. To support employment in Canada by mitigating the disruptive effect on Canadian industry of the imposition of foreign import surtaxes or other actions of like effect.
 - 3. No.

THEFT OF POSTAL BAGS

Question No. 186-Mr. Laprise:

- 1. How many thefts of postal bags have been reported in 1970-71 and since the beginning of 1972 (a) in the Province of Quebec (b) in Canada?
- 2. How many refunds have been made and what was the average amount refunded?
- 3. How long did the inquiries on these thefts average?

Hon. André Ouellet (Postmaster General): 1. (a) Quebec, (b) Canada.

	Quebec	Ontario	Western	Atlantic
1970	498	122	0	1
1971	357	175	1	1
1972	270	239	13	1

2. For the most part post office records of indemnities paid do not differentiate between loss or damage in the mails and loss by theft. Statements submitted by postal districts on a monthly basis reveal the following expenditures. Of the figures shown, 4.46 per cent represent international claims and 1.05 per cent of money paid international claims.

	Total Indemnities Paid	No. of Claims	Average Amount
1970	720,262.65	22,919	31.42
1971	932,522.36	26,033	35.82
1972	738,111.74	24,080	30.65

3. The length of time spent on enquiries raised in this part of the inquiry varies from hours to weeks to months and this type of statistics would be meaningless.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Question No. 190-Mr. Gleave:

- 1. How many applicants were accepted for training as air traffic controllers by the Department of Transport in the Saskatoon district during the calendar years 1970, 1971 and 1972?
- 2. How many completed the course of training and received certificates or diplomas?
- 3. How many of those who completed the course and received diplomas are now employed by the Department of Transport as air traffic controllers?

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4. How much is the average cost of training one air traffic controller?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. 1970, ten; 1971, six; 1972, three.

- 2. 1970, six; 1971, three; 1972, nil.
- 3. Nine.
- 4. \$11,400—to train to Level 1, licensed Air Traffic Controller.

TAX ON TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Question No. 195-Mr. Laprise:

- 1. What was the annual total of tax on tobacco, cigars and cigarettes obtained by the government each year 1962 to 1972 inclusive?
- 2. What amount was allocated annually toward the problems of the harmful effects of usage of tobacco in all forms from 1962 to 1972?

Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Revenue and National Health and Welfare as follows. 1. The following figures reflect the total revenue collected by way of Excise Tax and Excise Duty on tobacco, cigars and cigarettes for the fiscal years 1961-62 through to 1971-72. However, the figures do not include sales tax revenue imposed by the Excise Tax Act, such revenue being recorded in one account with no distinction as to sources.

Fiscal year	Excise tax	Excise duty	Total
	\$	8	\$
1961-62	207, 550, 499.00	160, 582, 654, 64	368, 133, 153, 64
1962-63	217,807,695.00	166, 607, 152, 56	384, 414, 847, 56
1963-64	226, 938, 710.00	165, 640, 936, 05	392, 579, 646.05
1964-65	218,343,945.00	177, 167, 726, 19	395, 511, 671, 19
1965-66	238,080,357.00	187, 066, 748, 55	425, 147, 105.55
1966-67	251,434,853.00	196, 432, 489.55	447, 867, 342, 55
1967-68	266, 686, 510.00	194, 580, 906. 93	461, 267, 416, 93
1968-69	304, 176, 479.00	196, 646, 181, 92	500, 822, 660, 92
	295, 845, 229.00	193,840,437.23	489, 685, 666, 23
	319, 413, 605.00	212, 173, 674. 18	531, 587, 279, 18
	330, 120, 737.00	221, 385, 069. 35	551,505,806.35
Total			4,948,522,596.15

2. The amounts expended annually on the problems arising from the usage of tobacco are as follows:

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	Fiscal year	Expenditure
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July	1963-1964	37.281.50
	1964-1965	
	1965–1966	129,770,71
	1966–1967	161,843,46
	1967–1968	
	1968-1969	
	1969–1970.	
	1970–1971	
	1971–1972	