

Mr. VIVIAN: Is that done under provincial authority?

Dr. DAVIDSON: No, that is determined by our own regulations. And my recollection is that we require a contribution in the order of \$5 or \$10, in addition to the family allowance; and this can be provided in the way of funds for travelling to visit the child and maintaining parental contact. Usually they accept the responsibility for the child in the mental institution.

Mr. VIVIAN: It is their responsibility?

Dr. DAVIDSON: Yes.

Mr. BROOME: If my addition is correct, the total personnel for the department is 5,142 in 1959-60.

The CHAIRMAN: You are asking a general question about costs?

Mr. BROOME: Yes.

The CHAIRMAN: I would like to clean up this aspect first and stay on the same subject.

Mr. MCGRATH: May I finish up with one question to Dr. Davidson. I submit with deference that the institutions are fulfilling the role of foster homes in so far as their responsibility for care and maintenance of the children is concerned, and that they have to provide education for them, and that in many cases they do a better job than some of the foster homes which I have seen.

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): In reply to that, I am aware of the problem, and I would be very happy to continue to look into it.

Mr. MCGRATH: Thank you very much.

Mr. BROOME: As I said, if my addition is correct, the total personnel in the department is 5,142 in 1959-60; and 5,156 for 1960-61. I think that 14 is a very modest increase. Has the minister considered when going around the country, that with men skilled in organization and methods, and with better office procedure and so on, does he not think that this figure could be changed so as not to show an increase but a net reduction, and that if this reduction should amount to even one person, it might bring about heart failure because of the violation of Parkinson's law?

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): I think I am very much aware of that. It may be recalled that there was an item in a certain newspaper some months ago to the effect that my particular office was operating under Parkinson's law in reverse. I would say that probably the over all increase in this particular year is caused by the new staff required at the Inuvik hospital. Am I not right, Dr. Moore? That is the new hospital which we are building up there, and it is the primary reason for the increase.

Mr. BROOME: So there actually is a decrease in the number of personnel in your department, when considered against the operations of last year?

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): Speaking operation-wise.

Dr. DAVIDSON: It is terribly complicated. We are losing some civil defence personnel, and then there is the addition of the Inuvik hospital; and also we are converting some positions from casual positions in the Indian health service to established positions. I think we could, however, state that apart from the changes in the Indian health services, there are, due to these two factors, apart from the civil defence question, where there was a net reduction—I think the rest of the department would show a very small decrease over the previous year.

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): If we are considering item 242, the establishment for 1960-61 is 360, which is far less than last year.

Mr. MCGEE: Is it the intention of the minister this year or next year to make an increased use of the organization and methods division of the civil service commission?