

expenditures, and this would be, presumably, on the basis that in his estimation the coordination of the federal authorities is so weak and ineffective that the provincial expenditures are futile and wasteful. Do you have any comments to make?

Mr. CHAMBERS: Order! That is not the kind of question to address to Mr. Curry, and Mr. Hellyer knows it.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): Pure opinion.

Mr. CHAMBERS: He is just taking the opportunity, again, of making a statement, based on nothing else.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): That is right.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any other questions?

Mr. ROGERS: Mr. Chairman, I should like to find out how it is broken down by provinces. Is there any breakdown?

Mr. R. B. CURRY (*Director, Emergency Measures Organization, Privy Council Office*): Mr. Chairman, the item of \$4 million represents an increase over the last year of \$2 million; and the item is broken down with a first allocation to provinces based on the population, as of the 1956 census, at 25 cents per head, per capita. That is a first allocation.

If provinces have spent, or propose to spend considerable amounts of money in excess of that allocation, they may have a second cut at unallocated funds after July 1 in any fiscal year, and it would appear that one or more of the provinces may well get further funds this year beyond the amount that was first allocated.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): Mr. Curry, you have spoken, in another committee, on differences between the intensity of the training within each province. I wonder if you can report anything more to us; whether or not there is any more uniformity in the standard of training between the various Canadian provinces.

Mr. CURRY: I think, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Smith's question perhaps relates, not just to training, but to the whole civil defence program within the provinces.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): If that question is permitted by the chair, I would like a reply to it, Mr. Curry.

Mr. CURRY: I have certainly seen, Mr. Chairman, in the course of the last months—the last year, shall I say—a very marked pick-up in the enthusiasm and degree of activity in a number of provinces, in addition to those provinces that were already showing very considerable footing in this area in earlier years.

Mr. SMITH (*Calgary South*): The answer, then, is yes?

Mr. CURRY: The answer is yes.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions of Mr. Curry?

Mr. HELLYER: Does this vote include any part of the cost of the provision of siren safety in the city of Toronto?

Mr. CURRY: The siren safety is now carried by the Department of National Defence, through the Canadian army.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions? May the item carry?

Item agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Curry. Vote 234, grants of \$65,000 to assist in the construction of the soldiers' memorial hospital, Middleton. Are there any questions?

Item 234. Grants to assist in the construction of the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital at Middleton, N.S., in a total amount of \$135,588 subject to such terms and conditions as are approved by Treasury Board; amount required for 1960-61 \$ 65,000