

Order Paper Questions

base to estimate the distribution of DND expenditure; therefore any comparison with earlier estimates covering the period 1968-1971 would not be valid.

MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BETWEEN CANADA AND COUNTRIES OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

Question No. 1,874—Mr. Laprise:

1. Since 1950, has Canada supplied military equipment or technical assistance to countries of the British Commonwealth and, if so, what countries benefited and in what amounts?

2. Did Canada receive military equipment or technical aid from countries of the British Commonwealth and, if so, from what countries and in what amounts?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence): 1. In so far as the Department of National Defence is concerned, the following British Commonwealth countries have received military equipment and/or technical assistance since 1950: Barbados, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Nigeria, Singapore, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, Zambia. Due to the period covering the question, the value of the equipment and assistance cannot be accurately determined from records now available, with the exception of the United Kingdom where the amount was contained in reply to Question 1,875, 9 May 73, page 3563 of *Hansard*.

2. No.

IMPORTS OF EXOTIC CATTLE

Question No. 1,889—Mr. Schellenberger:

1. How many federal permits were given out for import of exotic cattle in (a) 1971 (b) 1972 (c) 1973?

2. What criteria are used to determine the number of permits issued for such imports and to whom they shall be given?

3. For 1972, how many permits were given for import into each province?

4. How many have been granted so far for import into each province during 1973?

5. Is the current government policy on such importation under review and, if so, on what date will the new policy or criteria for importation be announced?

6. Has the government received criticism of the present policy and, if so (a) how many (b) were they from organizations or individuals?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. (a) 1971, 608 permits for the importation year 1971-72; (b) 1972, 639 permits for the importation year 1972-73; (c) Permits have not, as yet, been issued for the importation year 1973-74.

NOTE: The importation of exotic cattle is dealt with by "importation year". Within this year, a shipment enters quarantine on Grosse Ile in October and shipments enter quarantine on St. Pierre in November and the following May.

2. Applicants provide written "project proposals" outlining their proposed breeding program utilizing the cattle for which they are making application to import and provide an inventory of their present cattle herd with particular reference to those cattle of European breeding.

[Mr. Richardson.]

A departmental officer visits and interviews each applicant to verify the cattle inventory, and provide an assessment as to his capabilities and the likelihood of his achieving a viable breeding program. These project proposals and interview reports are then submitted anonymously to a technical review committee composed of four geneticists, two of whom are from this Department and two of whom are from universities. The committee assesses and rates the project proposals on the likelihood of the project proposal leading to a viable herd development of general improvement to the livestock industry in Canada, and the likelihood of the breeding proposal being achieved. The permits are then allocated to those importers whose proposals receive the higher ratings until such time as the limits of the quarantine stations are reached. The number of cattle awarded to each applicant is dependent upon the priorities recommended by the technical review committee and the rating awarded the proposal.

3. Province	Permits Issued
Newfoundland	Nil
Prince Edward Island	1
Nova Scotia	3
New Brunswick	5
Quebec	13
Ontario	51
Manitoba	76
Saskatchewan	135
Alberta	324
British Columbia	31
Total	639

4. Permits have not, as yet, been issued for the 1973-74 importation year.

5. The policy has been reviewed and the decision made and announced to continue the project proposal system for at least this year.

6. The department has received 26 critical letters, all of which were from or on behalf of individuals who had been unsuccessful in obtaining permits. No criticism has been received from the breed associations.

CONTRACT FOR POLAR ICEBREAKER—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Question No. 1,902—Mr. Forrestall:

1. With respect to the answer to Question No. 751(1)(b)(ii), who is carrying out the research and development program?

2. How was the decision made to allocate this project to its recipient?

3. Were there any other bids or tenders called for it and, if so, by whom and in what amounts were they made?

4. What budgetary items, specifically, does or did the funding for this program come under?

5. On what date was the decision made to expand the program?

6. What public announcements other than response to Question No. 751 have noted the existence of these programs?

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): 1. There will be no one contractor for the whole project but several