

Questions

informed by the Department of National Revenue, the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs as follows:

1. 12 per cent on the manufacturer's sale price.
2. September 1, 1967.
3. and 4.

Pharmaceuticals Component of the
Consumer Price Indexes for Canada and Cities

	Aug.	1967			Percentage Changes Aug. to Nov. 1967
		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	
		Index 1957 = 100			
CANADA	103.1	99.6	97.8	97.7	— 5.24
St. John's, Nfld.	108.2	105.2	104.4	104.0	— 3.88
Halifax	100.8	96.6	96.4	96.0	— 4.76
Saint John	100.7	95.8	95.5	95.1	— 5.56
Montreal	100.5	96.1	95.0	94.9	— 5.57
Ottawa	101.8	94.9	94.7	94.0	— 7.66
Toronto	104.2	102.0	99.1	99.5	— 4.51
Winnipeg	102.2	98.4	98.0	98.8	— 3.33
Saskatoon	121.7	114.6	115.0	114.9	— 5.59
Regina	116.7	113.5	110.8	110.6	— 5.23
Calgary	105.6	104.1	101.5	101.3	— 4.07
Edmonton	116.8	113.5	112.6	111.8	— 4.28
Vancouver	101.5	99.3	96.5	98.3	— 3.15

5. Following the removal of the sales tax on drugs, the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs examined the price structure of the drug manufacturers to ascertain their price reaction to the removal of the sales tax. Notwithstanding that this study involved a single industry which uses published price lists and was confined to the manufacturing level only, it took several months to complete.

For this purpose, the department obtained from virtually all the manufacturers supplying a significant quantity of drugs to the Canadian market, copies of their price lists in effect before the removal of the sales tax and of those issued after the removal of the sales tax.

Arrangements were also made for the Department to be supplied with copies of price lists or notifications of price changes subsequently issued.

SOUTH REGINA—ESTABLISHMENT OF
SUB-POSTAL STATION

Question No. 2,505—**Mr. Benjamin:**

1. Is it the intention of the Department of Communications to establish a sub-postal station in South Regina?

[Mr. Forest.]

2. If so, is it the intention of the Department to construct or to purchase property for a sub-postal station in South Regina?

3. If so, what is the planned location and when will the facility go into operation?

Mr. Yves Forest (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Post Office Department and the Department of Public Works as follows:

1. Yes.

2. This is still undecided.

3. The proposed location is in the vicinity of Parliament Avenue and Gordon Road. It is planned that the postal station will be placed in operation in the fiscal year 1970-1971.

PUBLIC RELATIONS, CONSUMER AND
CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Question No. 2,571—**Mr. Robinson:**

1. Does the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs have a public relations staff and, if so how many?

2. What was the total cost of public relations for the Department for each of the years 1960-68 inclusive?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): 1 and 2. See reply to Question No. 2,578.