

Order Paper Questions

Department of Agriculture. Health Protection Branch inspectors do visit some meat plants. Specimens of various meats are obtained at both the retail and manufacturing level and are analyzed for microbiological and chemical content and, in some cases, for nutritional concerns.

FEDERAL INSPECTION OF IMPORTED GOODS

Question No. 2,168—**Mr. Stevens:**

As of December 31 (a) 1968 (b) 1976, what was the number of federal employees engaged to inspect imported goods?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): In so far as Agriculture Canada is concerned: (a) 177; (b) 207. Departmental personnel devote only a portion of their time in the inspection of imported goods.

In so far as the Department of National Revenue is concerned: (a) General records disposal schedules of the government of Canada require that records be retained for a five-year period only. Therefore, information is not available. (b) 726.

In so far as the Ministry of the Solicitor General is concerned: inasmuch as the inspection of goods imported into Canada is primarily the responsibility of Revenue Canada (Customs and Excise), this question has only limited application to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The RCMP has on occasion, been involved in investigations, and has acted on information received, which resulted in members of the force examining goods which were unlawfully or lawfully, imported into Canada. The majority of such members would have been attached to our customs and excise sections which, in 1968, had an approved establishment of 151, and in 1976, an approved establishment of 237. As these sections carried the dual responsibility for both Customs and Excise Acts enforcement, it is not possible to provide a further breakdown of responsibilities.

FEDERAL INSPECTION OF SHIPS

Question No. 2,176—**Mr. Stevens:**

As of December 31 (a) 1968 (b) 1976, what was the number of federal employees engaged to inspect ships arriving at Canadian ports?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): In so far as Agriculture Canada is concerned: (a) 30; (b) 33. Departmental personnel devote only a portion of their time in the examination of ships.

In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned: the number of quarantine officers employed to inspect ships arriving at Canadian ports: (a) 18; (b) 7.

In so far as Transport Canada is concerned: there are no employees in Transport Canada who were engaged exclusively to inspect ships arriving at Canadian ports. The number of employees on staff of the Ship Safety Branch of the Canadian Coast Guard available to inspect ships arriving at Canadian

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ports were: (a) as of December 31, 1968, 122.; (b) as of December 31, 1976, 176.

FUNDING WITHIN NATIONAL PARKS

Question No. 2,245—**Mr. Brisco:**

Are applications for funding by individuals, groups, organizations, municipalities or others within national parks given the same consideration as applications for funding from outside of national parks for (a) the New Horizons Programme (b) LIP (c) Canada Works (d) Young Canada Works and, if not, what are the details of the differences?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of National Health and Welfare and Manpower and Immigration as follows: (a) Yes. (b) Yes. (c) Yes. (d) Yes.

PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR STATIONS

Question No. 2,307—**Mr. Fortin:**

Are there any laws limiting the proliferation of nuclear stations and, if so, what are they?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Atomic Energy Control Board reports as follows: no. However, the construction and operation of these stations are controlled by the Atomic Energy Control Board, pursuant to the Atomic Energy Control Act and Regulations.

PASSPORT APPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Question No. 2,370—**Mr. O'Sullivan:**

1. Is it standard procedure for the Passport Office to require that parents of children 16 years and under, must have their children's passport applications and pictures signed by the same guarantor as the parents and, if so, for what reason?

2. Is there a stipulation on passport applications that a guarantor must have known the applicant for at least a period of two years?

3. Can the parent's guarantor sign the children's application and pictures if he/she has not known the children for the required period of time?

4. Would the signature of another guarantor fulfilling this time requirement be acceptable and, if not, for what reason?

Mr. Fernand E. Leblanc (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. Children under 16 cannot apply on their own for passports. The parents apply and guarantors are required to know them for a minimum period of two years. While the guarantor generally could be expected to know the child for whom the passport is required, personal knowledge for a period of two years is not essential, particularly in the case of a very young child.

2. Yes.

3. See answer to part 1.

4. Not applicable.

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the hon. parliamentary secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.