

Order Paper Questions

4. What risks or potential risks to the health of animals or humans can occur with such defoliation chemical?

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Departments of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Agriculture and National Health and Welfare as follows:

1. The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development did not grant any funds to the Hobbema Indian reserve for the defoliation of trees in 1976 and 1977. This particular program was funded by the Montana Band (40 per cent) and the Province of Alberta (60 per cent).

2. Approximately 100 acres were defoliated.

3. The chemical used was 2-4D-20 Ester.

4. The Department of Agriculture is not aware of any risks or potential risks to the health of animals that might arise from the use of 2-4-D Ester when used in accordance with directions carried on labels registered under the authority of the Pest Control Products Act. In so far as the Department of National Health and Welfare is concerned: This chemical is the commonly used one in many products available in garden stores and plant nurseries. The pharmacology is not well characterized. Both the acute and chronic toxicities to laboratory animals are low, and there seems to be no significant difference between 2-4-D and its various salts and esters in terms of their action and potency. All animal species tested react similarly, and the acute oral LD50 value is in the range of 300 to 700 mg. per kg. (LD50 is the lethal dose that kills 50 percent of laboratory animals). Clinical reports of poisoning are rare. Peripheral neuropathy has been described in elderly patients who had percutaneous absorption of the spilled chemical. This condition has not been reported among persons occupationally exposed.

MANITOBA INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT

Question No. 2,895—**Mr. Beatty:**

1. As of July 13, 1977, was the Chairman of the Farm Credit Corporation a director of the Manitoba Institute of Management and, if not, on what date did he resign his directorship?

2. Did the Chairman of the Farm Credit Corporation sign a Declaration and Promise of Fidelity and Secrecy stating, in part, that he "will not hold an outside office or employment that could place on (him) demands inconsistent with (his) official duties or call in question (his) capacity to perform those duties in an objective manner," that he "will not hold directorships in associated or non-associated commercial corporations without the prior consent, in writing, of the Chairman of the Corporation whether or not such directorships are remunerated" and that he "will not accept or offer or agree to accept from a person having dealings with the Corporation, a commission, reward, advantage or benefit of any kind directly or indirectly by (himself) or through a member of (his) family or through anyone for (his) benefit, unless (he has) prior consent in writing from the Chairman of the Corporation; and (he is) aware that such action by an official or an employee of the government is an offence under Section 110(1)(c) of the Criminal Code" and, if so, on what date?

3. Did the Director of the Farm Credit Corporation, since his appointment, receive any commission, rewards, advantages or benefits from the Manitoba Institute of Management and, if so (a) on what date and in what form (b) did he disclose the information to the Minister of Agriculture or the Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Corporation (c) were such benefits received with the approval in writing of the (i) Minister of Agriculture (ii) Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Corporation?

[Mr. Malone.]

4. What are the regulations concerning the disclosure of outside directorships held by Order-in-Council appointees to the Ministers to whom they report and on what date did the Chairman of the Farm Credit Corporation first report his directorship with the Manitoba Institute of Management to the Minister of Agriculture?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): Farm Credit Corporation advises: 1. Yes.

2. No. The Declaration and Promise of Fidelity and Secrecy applies to employees of the corporation. As a governor in council appointee, Dr. Kristjanson is in compliance with the guidelines for such appointees. On December 18, 1973, the Prime Minister informed the House that persons appointed by the governor in council to senior positions in Crown corporations are subject to the same general guidelines, including those concerning outside directorships, as members of the cabinet. The guidelines for cabinet members were outlined to the House on July 18, 1973.

3. No. (a)(b)(c) N/A.

4. The Minister of Agriculture was informed on September 10, 1975.

ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED—PAYMENTS TO AGENTS

Question No. 2,896—**Mr. Lawrence:**

For the fiscal year (a) 1974-75 (b) 1975-76 (c) 1976-77, how much did Atomic Energy of Canada Limited pay to (i) the Marubeni Corporation, Japan (ii) the Labkar Company Limited, Iran (iii) Roberto L. Lannes, Uruguay (iv) Kostas Karayannis, Greece, as an agent and what was the purpose of and services rendered for such payments?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Atomic Energy of Canada Limited reports as follows:

	(a) 1974-75	(b) 1975-76	(c) 1976-77
Marubeni Corporation,			
(i) Japan	\$86,484.75	\$91,528.55	\$64,384.84
Labkar Company			
(ii) Limited, Iran	4,830.16	38,831.24	2,993.60
Roberto L. Lannes,			
(iii) Uruguay	968.00	7,673.23	12,026.36
Kostas Karayannis,			
(iv) Greece	16,035.77	5,003.07	2,107.70

Payments to the agents in question represent commissions on sales of equipment and products relating to the medical and therapeutic application of ionizing radiation, principally for the treatment of cancer. The payments also comprise remunerations for their maintenance of capability and their responsibility to provide installation and servicing of the equipment sold while warranties are in force.

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Question No. 2,897—**Mr. O'Sullivan:**

1. Was a letter received by Sport Canada dated January 14, 1975, addressed to Dr. T. R. Bedecki, Director, from the honourable Member for Hamilton-Wentworth, enquiring as to the possibility of assistance for the continued