

2. One bilateral grant of \$87,000 for mining research and two \$4,320,000 loans administered by the Inter-American Development Bank in university level engineering education and telecommunications are presently being carried out in Chile. The mining research project involves four one to two-month visits of Canadian experts to Chile and one expert for one year to work with the Centre for Mining and Metallurgical Research in Santiago. Five scholarships are also being offered for periods from four to twelve months for staff of the Centre. The \$4,320,000 IADB loan to the State Technical University of Chile under CIDA's 1964 agreement with the IADB, will provide some \$3,240,000 of laboratory equipment, \$540,000 for scholarships in Canada and \$540,000 for the services of Canadian professors in Chile. The \$4,320,000 IADB loan ENTEL-Chile under CIDA's 1964 agreement with the IADB is for the purchase of telecommunications equipment primarily for a microwave link from Temuco to the Chiloé Islands.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION—  
CALCULATION OF EARNING

Question No. 2,200—**Mr. Forrestall:**

Is the government giving consideration to eliminate the present inclusion of severance pay from the calculations of earnings with respect to the Unemployment Insurance Act?

**Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** As indicated at the time of the tabling of Bill C-125, the government is giving consideration to amending the regulations by eliminating from the definition of "Earnings", moneys received as severance pay.

ESCAPES FROM FEDERAL PENAL INSTITUTIONS, 1970-72

Question No. 2,215—**Mr. Stackhouse:**

1. How many inmates of federal prisons escaped during each year 1970, 1971 and 1972 and, of these, how many have been returned to custody?

2. How many inmates on day parole or temporary absences failed to return in each year 1970, 1971 and 1972 and, of these, how many have been returned to custody?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):**

	1970	1971	1972
1. Inmate population	7,108	7,572	8,350
Escapes*	194	239	351
Recaptures	191	230	329
2. Permits granted	18,008	30,224	64,033
Failed to return	99	246	333
Recaptures	97	236	309

\* Escapes reported include escapes from maximum and medium security institution, walk-aways for minimum security conditions, and escapes from outside hospitals or other custodial jurisdictions.

The following is a breakdown of escapes in each category for the years 1970, 1971, 1972.

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	1970	1971	1972
Maximum security	30	23	40
Medium security	65	106	163
Minimum security (walk-aways)	91	96	127
Other jurisdiction	8	14	21
Total	194	239	351

COMPETITION ACT

Question No. 2,241—**Mr. MacKay:**

Can the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs indicate when the Competition Act or its successor will be introduced?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Instead of bringing forward legislation concerning competition policy in a single complex bill, the government has decided to implement the policy in stages. It is our aim to introduce the first stage during this session of parliament.

\*ISSUANCE OF STAMP HONOURING 4-H CLUBS' SERVICE  
TO CANADIAN YOUTH

Question No. 2,256—**Mr. Dinsdale:**

Will the Post Office Department be issuing a stamp during 1973 honouring the 4-H Clubs' service to Canadian youth and, if not, for what reason?

**Mr. John M. Reid (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is as follows. For many years consideration has been given to issue commemorative postage stamps on the fiftieth or multiples of the fiftieth anniversary. The year 1973 marks the sixtieth anniversary of the 4-H program in Canada. It would have been more appropriate to have had a stamp issued in 1963 for the 4-H Club.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION—  
OVERPAYMENTS DISCOVERED BY CORNER BROOK OFFICE

Question No. 2,263—**Mr. Marshall:**

1. During the period January 1 to May 15, 1973 inclusive, how many cases of benefit overpayment were discovered by the Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Unemployment Insurance Office?

2. (a) How many of the applicants so involved were informed in their notices of overpayment that they had the option to negotiate repayment of overpayment (b) how many were not so informed and for what reason?

3. How many of the above cases were resolved through the use of the "agreed upon deduction" form?

**Mr. Mark MacGuigan (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** 1. One thousand three.

2. (a) 165. These were for persons who did not have an active claim and therefore contact is made with them with respect to the overpayment by letter, asking that arrangements be made for repayment of the amount; (b) 838. These overpayments were for claimants who receive a notice that they have been overpaid while continuing to be active claimants. The repayment is made from the benefits payable until the total amount is recovered. In these cases, if the claimant requests that special arrangements be made while he is claiming benefit the commission will