

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Supplementary Order Paper

QUESTIONS AND REPLIES

Wednesday, the 3rd Day of July 1974

[Covering period 13-26 June]

WRITTEN QUESTIONS

Transferred on dates shown

Borer Treatment

1. Dr BASSETT (Waitemata) asked the Minister of Trade and Industry, Has the Minister any plans to extend some form of control over the borer treatment industry in line with the recommendations of the Consumer Council?

Hon. W. W. FREER (Minister of Trade and Industry) replied, I assume that the honourable member is referring to the recommendation made by the Consumer Council in its annual report for the 12 months ended 31 December 1973. In association with my colleague the Minister of Forests, who also has an interest in this matter, I am exploring ways and means of exercising a suitable form of control over the borer treatment industry having regard to the proposals made by the Consumer Council.

(13/6/74)

Army Volunteers—Training

2. Hon. ALLAN McCREADY (Manawatu) asked the Minister of Defence, When young men volunteer for service in the Army, do they volunteer for both basic and unit training?

Hon. A. J. FAULKNER (Minister of Defence) replied, When young men volunteer for service in the Army they do so to join a unit. Thereafter they are trained in accordance with the requirements which are laid down for that unit.

(13/6/74)

Fisheries Patrols

3. Hon. ALLAN McCREADY (Manawatu) asked the Minister of Defence, With the large build-up of foreign fishing ships off our coast, what provision is being made to increase fisheries patrols?

Hon. A. J. FAULKNER (Minister of Defence) replied, There are several factors that will bring about increased effectiveness in the fishery protection activity. These include the introduction

into the patrol activity of four new patrol craft by January 1975. This is considerably earlier than envisaged at the time of purchase, as this Government approved their delivery by special cargo ships instead of sailing to New Zealand under their own power. These craft will considerably enhance the patrol coverage that can be achieved within the New Zealand fishing zone. RNZAF maritime patrol effort has been increased, in that additional RNZAF units have been given this task as a secondary role. The effectiveness of naval and air surveillance patrols has been improved by making the co-ordination of the planning of these activities the responsibility of one operational commander.

(13/6/74)

Defence Services—Future Commitments

4. Hon. ALLAN McCREADY (Manawatu) asked the Minister of Defence, In the light of his statement in the House on 6 March 1973 (*Hansard*, p. 522) that there will be other opportunities to talk about "how we see the future of the Defence services in protecting our country as well as meeting our obligations under different United Nations treaties", would he indicate: (1) just where the people of New Zealand might find a definitive and published Government statement, made between that time and this, concerning the future of the Defence services; (2) if such a statement is not available, when one might be; (3) specifically what treaties are referred to in the above statement; and (4) what general and specific obligations there are upon the three New Zealand armed services in relation thereto?

Hon. A. J. FAULKNER (Minister of Defence) replied, On that part of his question relating to "a definitive and published Government statement, made between that time and this concerning the future of the Defence services", the honourable member is referred to the