

Question. How much surplus personal property has the Government disposed of in the last 10 years? What was its cost value, and how much did the Government receive at the time of sale?

Answer. The General Services Administration accumulates statistics reflecting the volume of surplus personal property donated, sold, or otherwise disposed of and the amount of proceeds from sales. The following table shows this data for the past 10 years.

Disposal of surplus property

Fiscal year	Acquisition cost in millions of dollars				Proceeds in millions of dollars		
	Donated	Sold	Abandoned or destroyed	Expended to scrap	Proceeds from sales (other than scrap)	Proceeds from sales of scrap	Total proceeds
1957-----	212.8	1,098.6	39.6	(1)	84.0	61.4	145.4
1958-----	289.0	1,918.8	52.9	(1)	91.4	48.4	139.8
1959-----	361.0	2,114.0	84.8	(1)	99.6	66.0	165.6
1960-----	412.8	2,055.4	50.6	(1)	105.0	62.2	167.2
1961-----	387.7	1,560.4	45.4	(1)	88.4	57.1	145.5
1962-----	350.7	1,027.7	38.7	(1)	68.8	43.9	112.7
1963-----	343.8	706.9	67.9	2,076.8	45.6	29.6	74.2
1964-----	392.5	768.9	107.1	3,369.8	45.0	38.0	83.0
1965-----	407.8	787.4	117.3	2,542.5	50.6	47.4	98.0
1966-----	429.2	608.3	106.4	2,212.6	61.3	44.1	105.4

¹ Statistics not accumulated prior to fiscal year 1963.

Question. Progress is reported in reducing the amount of short-shelf-life supplies destroyed, made excess and surplus, donated, sold, etc. Can this be shown statistically? For example, how did the FY 1966 figures compare with those of FY 1965?

Answer. Statistics are not available for comparing the total volume of short-shelf-life supplies disposed of in FY 1965 and FY 1966. The short-shelf-life problem arose primarily because items of supply having limited shelf life were not sufficiently identified to prevent loss through deterioration before issue. Since these items were not specifically designated as short-shelf-life supplies, data were not separately collected for FY 1965 and FY 1966 with respect to their disposition. We understand that in response to the Subcommittee's request the DOD is submitting information with respect to some short-shelf-life supplies. Data for FY 1965 and FY 1966, however, are available with respect to the civilian defense medical stockpile inventory. The following data, prepared by the General Services Administration, indicates progress in the utilization and destruction of the civilian defense medical stockpile inventory:

Utilization and destruction of civil defense medical stockpile by Federal agencies

[Millions of dollars]

	Fiscal years		
	1965	1966	1967
I. UTILIZATION ACTION			
(a) Loaned to Federal agencies:			
DOD-----	0.8	5.7	1.5
VA-----	0	.2	0
PHS-----	0	.3	.05
AID-----	0	.2	.15
Total loaned-----	.8	6.4	1.7
(b) Excess utilized or referred:			
DOD-----	0	0	12
AID-----	0	0	.3
Various agencies (United States and States)-----	0	1.9	0
Total utilized or referred-----	0	1.9	12.3
(c) Total utilization by fiscal year-----	.8	8.3	14
II. DESTRUCTION			
Property identified as being unfit for use and destroyed-----	.3	6.8	17.5