MANPOWER

INQUIRY AS TO ADOPTION OF CLUSTER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM BY PACIFIC REGION

Mr. G. H. Whittaker (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. A few days ago I asked the minister a question about the implementation of the cluster system for Canada manpower centres within the Pacific region. The minister said he would take note of my question and report back. Can he answer my question today?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I apologize to the hon. member. I will try to speed up the process and make the information available to the hon. member. I hope to do it by tomorrow.

AIRPORTS

PICKERING—SUGGESTION THIRD TERMINAL AT TORONTO INTERNATIONAL WOULD OBVIATE NECESSITY FOR NEW AIRPORT

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Transport about the proposed new airport at Pickering. Is the minister aware that a third terminal building at the present international airport complex in Toronto, as provided for in the plans that were made for this airport when first laid out, would provide the additional service that is now necessary for the Toronto area much more effectively in every way than the proposed additional airport at Pickering.

(1450)

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman is right. We have designed a third terminal for Toronto in order to give better service. However, the real problem is not terminals, but runways and noise. The province of Ontario and the federal government at that time—and I think it was a common friend who was there—promised there would be no other runway at Malton. There is no doubt that with the increase in traffic, the level of noise is going to be much higher. It will not only disturb a few thousand persons, but tens of thousands of persons.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister with whom I practically always agree. Will the minister look into the studies on this matter to see if it is not true that because of the fact jet aircraft take far less runway room than previously, take off more quickly, land more quickly thereby using the runways far less that the problem is not in the provision of additional runways, but the provision of additional terminal space to handle additional passengers and baggage?

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I know it is not the intention of the hon. member to enter into a technical discussion at this stage. As far as noise is concerned, we have to take two things into account, the noise of the engine when the aircraft takes off and lands and the

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number of movements of aircraft. If there are only two aircraft daily which take off and land, it does not mean much. However, if there are 1,000 or 2,000, it is quite different. Therefore, those two elements must be taken into account. It is correct that new aircraft such as the 747 produce much less noise than the old DC-8 and require a shorter runway. I agree with that. However, that means, taking into account the increase in traffic, if we have—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I think the minister was right when he said this was probably not the place to get into a technical discussion.

IMMIGRATION

AVAILABILITY OF SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the concern regarding the availability of offshore and Mexican labour for the current year and future years, a concern which has been expressed by farmers engaged in the production and harvesting of crops such as tobacco, tomatoes, small fruits and sugar beets, and in view of our understanding that the minister met recently with high commissioners and other representatives from several Caribbean nations, is the minister in a position to report to the House regarding the availability of satisfactory seasonal labour for these farmers?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Yes, Mr. Speaker. There were some totally unfounded rumours that this program would be interrupted, changed or even cancelled. I assure the House they were totally unfounded. They did not emanate from any official source. I met with the high commissioners as recently as noon today. The meeting was designed to simply provide for discussion of the recent refinements and improvements in the details of the program by which these migrant workers enter and work in this country.

ENERGY

INVESTIGATION OF SOURCES OTHER THAN OIL—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. It is supplementary to those asked earlier by my colleagues. Does the minister consider that with the involvement of the federal government in the Syncrude project and his announcement last week with regard to energy conservation that all the interests of Canadians are being served at this point with respect to energy conservation and self-sufficiency or can we expect the Canadian government to follow the lead of other nations in announcing an ambitious program to look into other sources of energy?