Oral Ouestions

HARBOURFRONT

MORATORIUM ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AT TORONTO WATERFRONT

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Minister of Public Works and concerns the Government's conflicting statements about how it intends to deal with Toronto's Harbourfront. On Friday the Secretary of State announced a total freeze on all new development. On the same day the Minister of Public Works announced some projects would be allowed to proceed. Would the Minister please clarify which Harbourfront developments are affected by the moratorium and why?

[Translation]

Hon. Monique Vézina (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, I have taken note of the question and I will ensure that my colleague, the Minister of Public Works, is able to follow up the matter.

[English]

TYPES OF PROJECTS INVOLVED

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, at the same time she gets that information would the Minister please confirm specifically, since there are different types of projects involved, whether the luxury condominiums are being allowed to go ahead and whether the co-op and senior citizens units are being allowed to go ahead?

[Translation]

Hon. Monique Vézina (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, I am sure that whatever the information turns out to be, it will be comprehensive.

[English]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAYS

ORDER FOR STEEL TIE PLATES

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. Much of the rail rehabilitation work being done by CP is the result of federal Government initiatives. Given that, does the Government not believe that the orders for steel tie plates should be done by Canadian firms? In other words, why was an order which has traditionally gone to Stelco now gone to Japan? Why are Canadian jobs being lost?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the Hon. Member might provide me with more detail on this particular issue and perhaps I can get a complete response to it.

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Certainly, Mr. Speaker, I will give the Deputy Prime Minister the information. I would hope someone on the government benches, perhaps a Conservative MP from the Hamilton area, has given this information to the Government already.

The problem is that the order has traditionally gone to Stelco. CP is getting money from the federal Government. What is the federal Government going to do to make sure those orders are placed in Canada so that Canadians have jobs?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, as I understand it, Canadian Pacific is privately owned. I believe even the Opposition would certainly be able to testify to that fact. I will have to check, just as the Deputy Prime Minister would have to check, to see whether they called tenders or just what the circumstances were or what the reason was. Canadian Pacific is a shareholder-owned private company and we are not responsible for it. We are prepared to answer for CN or other government Crown corporations.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICE CANADA

CONSTRUCTION OF PRISON IN PORT-CARTIER—CANCELLATION OF PROJECTS IN ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General and concerns the Prime Minister's pet prison in his riding which is costing Canadians \$68 million. The Solicitor General knows that the Auditor General states unequivocally that there was no need for that prison in Port-Cartier. To add insult to injury, 25 other Correctional Service projects throughout the country have been cancelled.

Will the Minister stand up and explain to Atlantic Canadians why the \$28 million prison in Newfoundland, the \$18 million capital project in Westmorland, New Brunswick, and the \$6 million capital project in Springhill, Nova Scotia, were cancelled? Can he explain to Atlantic Canadians where the fairness is when the Prime Minister gets a \$68 million prison and those projects are cancelled?

Hon. James Kelleher (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I can advise the Hon. Member that there is absolutely no connection whatsoever between the construction of the prison in Port-Cartier and the construction or non-construction of other projects in Canada, whether it be western Canada or eastern Canada. Correctional Service Canada is attending to the needs of all Canadians in all parts of the country.

AUDITOR GENERAL'S COMMENT

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, with the greatest of respect, the Solicitor General is not