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INDIAN AFFAIRS

NATIONAL REVIEW OF EDUCATION—GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

The Assembly of First Nations has conducted a national review of education. The four-volume study, done at a cost of \$6 million plus support services to his Department, was sent to the Minister on March 9, 1989. Is the Minister committed to the major recommendations contained in the national review of education? Will he ensure sufficient funding to implement the major recommendations of this review?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, as indicated by the Hon. Member, the study did cost approximately \$6 million, was four years in the making, and is being reviewed by the Department right now.

FOLLOW-UP TO REVIEW—MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, when can the Assembly receive the Minister's answer with respect to the follow-up on the review? Will the Minister make available the funding requested by the Assembly so that aboriginal peoples can disseminate the report to all their communities?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated last night to Chief Erasmus and other representatives of the AFN, the review should be completed soon.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

GANDER AIR CRASH—EFFECTS OF CLEAN-UP

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Yesterday the Minister tabled a report called *Health Effects at the Site of the Gander Arrow Air Crash*. The Minister advised the committee that Department of National Defence workers and Canadian Aviation Safety

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Board workers were not included in the study, that DND and CASB were waiting for this report before acting.

Will the Minister ensure that all workers involved in the Gander crash clean-up will be tested and monitored?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, we have been in touch with the other Departments involved. DND is doing its own study and has its own medical resources to do so. We have shared the results of this study with other Departments and are working very closely with them to ensure that the recommendations are fully implemented.

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Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the same Minister. In addition to ensuring that the tests and monitoring of DND and CSAB workers take place, will he insist that the U.S. Government come clean on the contents of the cargo of that plane so that the monitoring will be done with the full knowledge of what substances the workers were exposed to?

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, my Department, when it was conducting the study, was in touch with the Canadian Aviation Safety Board which gave a list to us of any materials found at the crash site.

It would be helpful to my researchers to be able to look at those materials found there to determine whether or not toxic materials could have been created which could have caused the symptoms in question.

We have no evidence whatsoever to suggest that the symptoms which have been felt by the workers at the site have been caused by exposure to toxic materials. Indeed, all the symptoms which have been disclosed are totally consistent with post-traumatic exposure syndrome which was discussed in the report itself. It is an excellent report, and we intend to see that its recommendations are implemented.

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FISHERIES

CANADA-FRANCE AGREEMENT

Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. It relates to that infamous Canada-France fish deal signed back in April some time, in which the