

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Firth:** In view of the much greater responsibility of nurses working north of the 60th parallel than that of other nurses employed by the federal government, such as working without a doctor's supervision and evacuating emergency cases in light aircraft usually under adverse conditions, would the minister give consideration to danger pay for this group of nurses?

**Mr. Drury:** Mr. Speaker, we are looking at the question of danger pay in respect of all those who are subject to it.

REQUEST BY NURSES IN YUKON AND NORTHWEST  
TERRITORIES FOR REOPENING WAGE NEGOTIATIONS

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** I have a supplementary question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare in his capacity as minister of health for the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Has the minister received a telegram, to which I referred a day or two ago when I asked this question, from the various nursing associations in the Yukon and Northwest Territories requesting the reopening of negotiations to see whether or not a more realistic accommodation can be made with respect to those now coming under his jurisdiction?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, indeed I think I did receive such representations, but as I have already indicated, bargaining for nurses' salaries does not fall within my jurisdiction.

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MANPOWER

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—DATE OF SUBMISSION OF  
PROJECTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES IN CONSTITUENCY

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

When will local initiatives projects be presented to the constituency advisory groups?

[English]

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** To answer very shortly, Mr. Speaker, we have received in excess of 14,000 applications totalling an estimated \$419 million. We are processing these applications for delivery to the constituency advisory groups and others as quickly as possible.

LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—HOURS OF SERVICE OF  
MEMBERS OF CONSTITUENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEES

**Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher):** I have a supplementary for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Can the minister indicate what action has been taken by his officials on the complaint that constituency advisory committees are being asked to meet during working hours rather than in the evenings as was the impression of many of them when they agreed to their nominations? Will he be advising his officials that these committees are to meet at such

[Mr. Drury.]

times as are suitable to the committee members rather than to the civil servants as is now the case?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, we are grateful to those people who have agreed to serve with these voluntary organizations. To the maximum degree possible we will try to accommodate the hours to their own working conditions, but we will on occasion possibly have to ask them to sacrifice some of that time since we are trying to meet fairly tight deadlines.

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ENERGY

DETERMINATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCT PRICES FOR  
EASTERN CANADA IN LIGHT OF PRICE FREEZE WEST OF  
OTTAWA VALLEY

**Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the minister's answer to me yesterday that the request for an increase in the price of petroleum products would apply only to the eastern section of Canada, are we to assume that the government intends to retain the price freeze for the area west of the Ottawa valley until at least January 30 and that any adjustments in the eastern section will be permitted by order of the National Energy Board in compliance with any increase in the price of imported crude?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the Leader of the Opposition, I would hope to make an announcement on this question on November 1. One of the questions we have to consider with regard to the western section of the market is whether a price differential would be capable of creating a shortage of supply problem in Ontario.

OIL—RESULT OF MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER AND  
MEMBERS OF ALBERTA GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** Mr. Speaker, my question is also addressed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Can the minister inform the House of the outcome of the meeting he held yesterday with ministers of the Alberta government in respect of the energy crisis? Were any new federal policy positions placed before the provincial ministers at that time?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think there was anything new that had not been discussed with them before. I think I can say there was an exchange on the question of the taxation of the Syncrude project and also with regard to the disposition of the proceeds of the export tax. We were engaged really in discussions anent to negotiations with regard to the disposition of those proceeds.

**Mr. Speaker:** Perhaps the hon. member might be allowed a last supplementary and then I will recognize the hon. member for York East.