

Oral Questions

market rather than the principle used by Bell of buying from their own subsidiary?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): I think the legislation governing the AIB applies to Bell Canada. I will make sure the AIB look into that matter and report to me.

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INDUSTRY**FINANCING OF CERTAIN AIR CARRIERS**

Mr. G. H. Whittaker (Okanagan Boundary): Mr. Speaker, in view of the announcement made last week by the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce while he was in Kelowna, B.C., that he was going to give \$6 million in financing to Triphibian Helicopters, and in view of the confusion this has caused in Kelowna because the Regional Economic Development Commission know that Triphibian Helicopter's first choice was to locate in Kelowna, not in Victoria, I ask the minister whether it was the Triphibian aircraft that he was announcing, or the Trident aircraft, and the source of the \$6 million.

Hon. Jack H. Horner (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Mr. Speaker, there does seem to be a great deal of confusion. I announced in Vancouver on Monday that the Enterprise Development Board, under my department, is prepared to guarantee loans at the bank of up to \$2 million for Trident Aircraft Industries, which is to manufacture the Trigull, an amphibian, four to six-passenger paraplane, on the west coast, to be assembled in Sidney. With the \$2 million that my department, through the Enterprise Development Board, is prepared to guarantee, Treasury Board has approved a \$4 million repayable loan to the company.

That loan is to be given as production proceeds and repaid as sales on the plane are made. In total, it is \$6 million for the establishment of an aircraft industry on the west coast, hoping that the spin-off from that industry will enable offset programs to be taken from the huge aircraft industry to the south into Canada, thereby creating a large number of jobs in the air industry of the west coast.

Mr. Whittaker: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. In view of the fact the minister clearly announced in Kelowna that it was for Triphibian Helicopters, I would ask him if the same arrangement, or project, is available for Triphibian Helicopters who want to locate in Kelowna, where he was making the announcement?

Mr. Horner: Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of addressing a roomful of about 500 people, or more, at a nominating convention in Kelowna. It was a great meeting. At no time did I mention helicopters in my speech. And I can say to the House and to the country that I was very pleased with the

[Mr. Peters.]

calibre of candidate who came forward and offered himself to serve that area.

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LOTO CANADA**POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF LOTTERY**

Mr. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister, who I am sure is pleased, having regard to the calibre of his Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, that there are some good candidates presenting themselves to the Liberal party.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Basford: Jealousy will get you nowhere.

Mr. Clark: My question relates to lotteries and to a potentially serious federal-provincial controversy. The Prime Minister will remember that the then minister of industry, trade and commerce, in a standing committee in mid-June, 1976, in relation to the federal lottery said, "We could decide to carry on or withdraw completely if there is an understanding between the provincial governments and the federal government". In other words, it was very clear that there would be a carrying on of the federal lottery only with understanding of the provinces.

Mr. Basford: That was not the understanding.

Mr. Clark: It was certainly the understanding of the provinces, as nine of them made clear when they sent a telex to the Prime Minister about a week ago expressing "shock and disapproval that the Government of Canada seems determined to bulldoze ahead in this field in contradiction to understandings."

Has the Prime Minister responded to this telex, and has he agreed to hold back any federal lottery plan until there has been more consultation and collaboration with the provincial governments concerned?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the undertaking was not to prolong the lotteries without coming before parliament, and we intend to discharge this commitment. As far as the provinces are concerned, both the minister presently responsible in this field and the former minister have sought to find a formula with which the premiers would agree. From the telegram—and I have not yet seen it—presumably they do not agree. That is, perhaps, natural. This is a field which is open to both levels of government. It is a revenue-producing field. I see no reason, in theory or in practice, why the federal government should abandon it to the provinces exclusively.