

*Oral Questions*

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, it is generally the practice of the department to favour improvement of the conditions of employees, and that is the basis for giving grants for training on the job to any employer. Generally speaking, there are a great many more such grants and contracts entered into with private corporations than with Crown corporations.

**Mr. Nesdoly:** In view of the fact that since 1968 the well known corporation of Mr. Roman, Dennison Mines, has received six grants from the Department of Manpower totalling almost \$300,000 for the purpose of training its work force, whereas our Crown corporation, Eldorado Nuclear Limited, received only \$9,000 for the same purpose, would the minister agree to look into this matter and make a statement clarifying this very peculiar situation?

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, I will be very glad to look into it, but I can assure the hon. member that there is certainly no political patronage involved.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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[Translation]

**HARBOURS****PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SUPERTANKER PORT ON ST. LAWRENCE—LETTER OF MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT—GOVERNMENT POSITION**

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Since the Quebec Minister of Industry and Commerce expressed yesterday serious concern about the statement made by the Minister of the Environment that it was ridiculous to think of building a port for giant tankers on the St. Lawrence River, and since the Prime Minister said at the beginning of the week that he was not aware of that letter, could the Prime Minister say today if the statement made by the Minister of the Environment reflected the policy of the government, or whether discussions in that regard are still going on as he suggested earlier this week?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, as I have already said, discussions are still going on. The Minister of the Environment, in this case as in others, does his job as Minister of the Environment of drawing the attention of the public and governments on the dangers of pollution, for the protection of the environment of certain developments. His advice has been always taken into consideration in the decisions of the government, together with other advice we receive from the Departments of Regional Economic Expansion, Finance, Transport, Industry, Trade and Commerce, etc. Each minister plays his part and the discussions are not over.

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SUPERTANKER PORT ON ST. LAWRENCE—DISCUSSION WITH QUEBEC**

**Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette):** Mr. Speaker, since the Prime Minister informs us that the discussions are not over, could he assure the House that he is prepared to

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consider the representations made by the Quebec government in that regard?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Certainly, Mr. Speaker.

**PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF SUPERTANKER PORT ON ST. LAWRENCE—GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN SHARED COST PROJECT**

**Mr. Jacques-L. Trudel (Montreal-Bourassa):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question of the right hon. Prime Minister.

Has he received a request to the effect that the federal government help or participate in a joint project, under which the private industry, the provincial government and the federal government would build a super-harbour in the Gulf of St. Lawrence?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I know that such questions are in fact discussed and proposed. I cannot say that that question has been submitted to me, personally, but I understand that it is discussed by some ministers of the federal government with ministers of the provincial government.

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**AGRICULTURE****SAFETY OF RALGRO AS GROWTH STIMULANT FOR CATTLE**

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. In view of the fact that diethylstilbestrol, commonly known as DES, has been banned as a growth stimulant for cattle because of its carcinogenic properties, although certified as safe for use for almost two decades, can the minister assure the people of Canada that the new growth stimulant, ralgro, now licensed for use in Canada, is indeed a safe drug to use for this purpose, so that some time in the future it too will not be banned because of insufficient research?

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I have been assured by the scientists who were associated with the research done before official consent was given for the use of ralgro in Canada that it is safe. I can only go by what they tell me.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I would hope there would not be too many supplementaries because we are now just about at the end of the question period.

**Mr. Mitges:** Now that many countries are again accepting our beef exports because of the banning of DES, can the minister state with assurance that these countries will still accept our beef exports if they have been previously treated with ralgro?

**Mr. Whelan:** Mr. Speaker, I have no knowledge that they would not be.