

Oral Questions

Quebec, Calgary, Edmonton and many others for similar help in developing facilities.

I would suggest that the private sector initiative in Winnipeg is no different from that which took place in the member's home city.

[Translation]

Mr. Jean-Paul Marchand (Québec-Est, BQ): Mr. Speaker, I gather that the answer is "yes" for the Winnipeg Jets.

Is the minister in a position to confirm that, depending on the results of the provincial election in Manitoba, the federal government could contribute as much as \$20 million?

[English]

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Human Resources Development and Minister of Western Economic Diversification, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will recall very well how the federal government was a major contributor in his home city for the development of the Centre de congrès, which is a very important addition to that community.

A number of other cities across the country have benefited from both the development of job creation and also the development of new facilities coming out of the infrastructure program.

It is certainly the right of any city to make an application on infrastructure. That is what they are doing in Winnipeg. They are simply following the good example of the good people of Quebec City.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. John Duncan (North Island—Powell River, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, my question follows the question from my leader and is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

I would like to quickly say that we foster sensible dialogue, and in our aboriginal town halls in British Columbia offered a very welcome and refreshing point of view.

I would like the minister, in response to the question about the Stoney Reserve, to tell the House the current market value of the timber removed in the last year and how he intends to collect revenues lost to the band plus the reduced stream of future revenues accruing to the band, which has now been lost.

Hon. Ron Irwin (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member from the Reform is asking for a quite a bit of detail.

I would appreciate if he would let me know about this detail before question period. I will take the question as notice and get him as much information as I can.

• (1435)

Mr. John Duncan (North Island—Powell River, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the timber removed from the reserve in the last 12 months conservatively exceeds \$35 million. The minister's department knew logging at Stoney Reserve exceeded the permits last April, one year ago.

Can the minister tell the House who is liable for these lost revenues?

Hon. Ron Irwin (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have already responded to the Reform leader on three separate questions. My friend should read the notes when they come out.

I might add this. This is the same member who said when we brought in the Sahtu legislation that the sky would fall, but it did not. This is the same member who said when we brought in the Manitoba dismantling that the sky would fall, but it did not. This is the same member who said what we did in the Yukon would not work and it has. This is the same member going around B.C. saying land claims should be stopped in B.C.

We did not listen to him on three separate occasions and we are not going to listen to him now.

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[Translation]

CIDA

Mr. Philippe Paré (Louis-Hébert, BQ): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

CIDA recently announced, at a week's notice, its intention to stop funding organizations involved in public awareness of international development that do not participate in overseas projects.

Does the Minister of Foreign Affairs not realize that, in so doing, the government is chopping nearly half the international development network available to NGOs in Canada, although funds provided to these organizations amount to only half of one per cent of the official development assistance budget?

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member has to understand that choices had to be made and it was decided to focus on poorer countries. In