

*Inquiries of the Ministry***THE CANADIAN ECONOMY****FOREIGN INVESTMENT—TIME OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY**

Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether he is now in a position to tell the House when we may expect the government's policy on foreign ownership to be tabled or brought to our attention in some appropriate manner?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I have had no report from the Minister of National Revenue since I last mentioned this matter to the House.

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): Some weeks ago when I asked the Prime Minister the same question the right hon. gentleman indicated that within a week or ten days he would let the House know when a statement might be expected. Since he has now had an opportunity to meet with President Nixon and with the government of Ontario, can he tell us whether he is likely to be in a position to make a statement in the House before Parliament adjourns for the Christmas recess or before the end of the year?

Mr. Trudeau: That is the essence of the matter. On the last occasion I said in the House that I had discussed this matter with the Minister of National Revenue but it was not certain then that the editing, translation and publishing would be completed before Christmas. I do not know whether it will be published while the House is still in session or whether we shall wait for the new session; it would depend on the time at which the House leaders can agree to terminate this present part of the session and when we shall be sitting again.

[Later:]

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): I have a supplementary for the Prime Minister. Having regard to the internal difficulties which he seems to be encountering, may I ask whether the right hon. gentleman has consulted with the cabinet with a view to leaking all the documents so that they can be before the public very quickly?

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[Translation]

FINANCE**SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CREDITS FOR QUEBEC MUNICIPALITIES**

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, since the Minister of Finance is absent, I shall put my question to his parliamentary secretary.

Since the Quebec government has won the main prize of \$63 million loaned by the federal government to the province and since there is nothing left for municipalities, would the Parliamentary Secretary be in a position to say

[Mr. Lang.]

if additional funds might be allocated in order that Quebec municipalities be able to carry out their works program?

[English]

Mr. P. M. Mahoney (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance): I shall look into that and have the minister respond to the hon. member at a later date.

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HEALTH**FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES—PROVISION FOR SHARING COSTS WITH PROVINCES**

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Has the minister made specific cost-sharing proposals to the provincial governments for the delivery of family planning services?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): There is already provision for such cost-sharing under the Canada Assistance Plan. I believe some provinces have taken advantage of it for some time.

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• (3:20 p.m.)

DRUGS**INQUIRY AS TO FINAL REPORT OF LE DAIN COMMISSION—POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In light of the alarming reports of the extent of heroin use in Canada and reports of pending government initiatives in combating heroin, can the minister inform the House when the Le Dain report will be made public?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): I cannot, Mr. Speaker, other than to say that the chairman indicated to me that it will be several months before he will have the entire report ready.

Mr. Yewchuk: Is the minister considering presenting legislation in the next session before the report on the non-medical use of drugs is tabled?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, no specific legislation is in mind at the moment, though that situation could change. As the hon. member is aware, there are many avenues for government action to cope with the mounting concern relative to drug abuse in Canada, other than legislation, and this type of action is now being taken by my department.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**UNEMPLOYMENT—GOVERNMENT ACTION TO ALLEVIATE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF QUEBEC**

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of