

provide assistance to modernize the training institutions and the industrial training programs across Canada.

We believe very strongly that it is important to establish a national set of priorities so that we can address the problem not just in Ontario but across the country. We think that is one of the most effective ways to meet both the demand for skilled labour and also to provide a major stimulus for economic growth in Canada.

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[Translation]

### INDUSTRY

#### EMPLOYMENT—INQUIRY WHY GOVERNMENT DID NOT ESTABLISH SHIPBUILDING POLICY

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Regional Economic Expansion. My question concerns an announcement made yesterday by Gulf Canada that a contract had been signed with Japanese shipyards for the construction of an icebreaker to be used in the Canadian Arctic. When the minister appeared before the Standing Committee on National Resources and Public Works, he promised to set up a program for the purpose of keeping shipbuilding projects in Canada. According to our calculations, shipping companies that have had ships built outside the country during the last two years have made Canadian workers lose 10,000 person-years. Could the minister inform us whether our figures are correct and could he also tell us why the government has as yet failed to develop an effective marine industry policy and why it has actually created more jobs in Japan than in Canada at a time when many workers in the Atlantic provinces, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia need these jobs?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Madam Speaker, I shall be glad to check the figures provided by my hon. colleague as well as the facts on the contract that Gulf Canada is said to have signed with Japanese shipbuilders. I remember that not long ago, Gulf Canada announced it was giving out contracts for the construction of ships in Canadian dockyards, and the hon. member may recall that last August I announced a new government policy that would be aimed at giving Canadian industries and workers a chance to compete on an equal basis for participation in the economic and industrial spin-offs of our megaprojects. This policy is being implemented and we have almost finished work on a policy to stimulate shipbuilding in Canada by Canadian industries. I feel that we are making considerable progress and that this will continue.

### Oral Questions

[English]

#### CONSTRUCTION OF VESSELS IN CANADA

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox-Powell River):** Madam Speaker, the fact of the matter is that month after month, in spite of the minister's announcements and good intentions, we see ship after ship and project after project going offshore. Unfortunately, we have not seen good delivery.

Could the minister give us some indication when ships will be built in Canada, particularly in the province of Quebec where there is talk about shutting down a major shipyard because they need a project such as the one being built in Japan?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Madam Speaker, as I said just before Christmas, Gulf is giving contracts to Canadian shipyards to build ships for its offshore activity. We have recently given substantial assistance to companies such as Burrard Yarrows in British Columbia, Saint John Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company in New Brunswick, and the Halifax shipyard in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to extend their facilities to enable them to be more competitive and to build more of the vessels for offshore and world activities. We intend to continue doing that with this effort buttressed by our recently announced program to ensure on a full, fair and competitive basis, industrial spin-offs from our megaprojects to companies in Canada and Canadian workers. I think we are making a substantial effort, and we will be adding to that effort for workers and shipyards in every part of our country.

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### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

#### FREEDOM OF SUSPECTED ACCOMPLICE OF CLIFFORD OLSON

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. It concerns the Clifford Olson case. As I mentioned in a motion under Standing Order 43, a known suspected accomplice is loose on the streets. On October 16 the Solicitor General told my colleague from Central Nova that he was fully aware of the circumstances of the Olson case. I have known for some time that this suspected accomplice was about, and immediately reported it to the authorities.

I would now ask the minister, without giving any disclaimers about provincial responsibility, and knowing full well that he cannot be involved in the day to day investigation, if he is now fully informed about the Olson case and what action he has taken about the suspected accomplice.

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General):** Madam Speaker, I am not responsible for the laying of charges, particularly in offences that are under the Criminal Code to be administered under the responsibility of the Crown in the provinces. The hon. member mentioned, in his motion under Standing Order 43, that there were outstanding charges against Mr. Ludlow. I