

Mr. DYMOND: The municipality brings forth a project and an application form to the provincial Department of Municipal Affairs. We then look at it to see whether it conforms to the terms of the program. They may also be concerned with whether that municipality has the financial capacity to finance the project, and then they send it to us and we review the application to see if it conforms to the terms of the program and send it back to the Department of Municipal Affairs to inform the municipality that they may proceed with the project.

Senator ISNOR: Actually, you are dealing with the province and the province in turn is dealing with the municipality?

Mr. DYMOND: That is correct.

The CHAIRMAN: Have you any figures indicating the extent to which the large cities, like Toronto and Montreal, take part in this winter works municipal program?

Mr. HEREFORD: I am sorry I have not them with me. They are available of course.

The CHAIRMAN: Would you write me a letter so that I can present it to the committee? Is anybody interested in the larger cities, particularly Toronto and Montreal?

Senator SMITH (*Queens-Shelburne*): All the major cities, even including Halifax.

Senator BAIRD: And also St. John's, Newfoundland.

Mr. DYMOND: We will try to select at least one large city in every province of Canada.

Senator THORVALDSON: I should like to know approximately what proportion of the whole winter works program is taken up by the \$500 for the home-building bonus, that is, in dollars.

Mr. DYMOND: In terms of federal expenditures?

Senator THORVALDSON: Yes; what proportion is made up of the \$500.

Mr. HEREFORD: We estimate this year that \$17 million will be spent on the house building program and \$48 million on the municipal winter works program.

Senator THORVALDSON: Is that all integrated through your department? Do these two programs dovetail together?

Mr. DYMOND: The new Department of Manpower to be proposed to Parliament will administer the municipal winter works incentive program and the other programs of which the minister spoke on the first day—the “do-it-now program”, which is part and parcel of the National Employment Service operation, and the federal Government activity in this field in its own building program through the interdepartmental committee. The Department of Labour administers the house building program in cooperation with C.M.H.C.

Senator THORVALDSON: One other question. It occurs to me that the winter works program was started quite a few years ago when unemployment figures were extremely high—I think from six to eight per cent. Now is down considerably. In fact, we refer to some areas as having no unemployment whatsoever. Now, are there any discussions in any places about curtailing these programs that were commenced with a certain objective, that objective having been banished to a certain extent? Perhaps this is not a fair question to ask these gentlemen, but maybe they could make a comment or two.

Mr. DYMOND: I might make some observations, without answering in terms of the policy of the government, which of course I am not in a position to do.

Certainly the amount of winter unemployment has been reduced, fortunately, in recent years in Canada as the result of the very substantial rate of