

COMMUNICATIONS

INQUIRY AS TO PAPER ON POLICY AND POSSIBILITY OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Communications. After tabling on Friday his rather pointed letter to the minister of communications of Quebec, I wonder whether the Minister of Communications can be a little more definite and precise now as to when he intends to lay before parliament the green paper, so-called, on communications policy? The second part of my question, which I ask now so as not to take too much time, is this: after tabling the green paper, does the minister intend to convene a federal-provincial conference on this long-smouldering problem?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): I do not have to alter my predictions about the publication of the government green paper at the end of March, Mr. Speaker. As for another federal-provincial conference on communications, several provincial ministers of communications have approached us about it and we are now considering the matter. The federal government warmly welcomes that proposal. We will have to agree so to include it on the agenda of federal-provincial meetings which, as we all know, is quite full; we will also have to agree on the agenda of such a conference, which will be much easier.

CABLEVISION—GOVERNMENT POSITION RESPECTING JURISDICTION

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): I should like to put a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Joliette wishes to put a supplementary question.

Mr. La Salle: Since, Mr. Speaker, the Quebec Minister of Communications has reminded his federal counterpart that Quebec has jurisdiction over cablevision and that it was taken for granted, what is now the government position in that connection?

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, the position of the federal government is quite clearly indicated in the letter which I sent to my Quebec counterpart and of which I tabled a copy in this House last Friday.

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[English]

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS—ESTABLISHMENT OF REVIEW COMMITTEES

Mr. Keith Taylor (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. In view of the fact there is a

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March 1 deadline for opportunities for youth applications, would the minister advise the House whether more specific guidelines have been prepared for the use of applicants and also for the use of the committees that are to review and recommend projects?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Taylor: Would the minister tell us whether these committees have been established? If so, would he tell us how the members were selected, and by whom?

Mr. Faulkner: They have not been finally established, Mr. Speaker, but the opportunities for youth staff are looking at names that are coming from the field and the committees will, I believe, be established some time next month.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I could help the minister by asking him a question to which I hope he will have a positive answer. Is he prepared to advance by a couple of weeks the deadline for applications under the opportunities for youth program, bearing in mind that hundreds of communities geographically removed from central Canada are not aware of the March 31 deadline?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): I understand the hon. member's question. I should like to talk to him about it. This is the first indication I have received that there is a problem of this kind. I do not know whether I am free to make the change suggested, but I should like to talk to the hon. member in order to determine how serious the problem is.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—AUDITING OF PROJECTS

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether all the moneys provided for opportunities for youth projects will be audited by one of the government departments?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): They are always audited, Mr. Speaker.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—INVESTIGATION OF APPLICATIONS BY POLICE OR SECURITY PLANNING GROUP

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): I have a supplementary question for the Solicitor General. Can the hon. gentleman inform the House whether it is any part of the responsibility or activities of the police and the security planning group in his department, or of any other personnel coming under his jurisdiction, to vet applications before they are approved of after they are granted?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Only if there is a request to do so from the agency itself.