

Oral Questions

levels of unemployment and the way these would affect varying levels of benefit payments for the full year, the government costs required to meet those varying levels of payment and these were tabled. I do not have those details before me. They are public knowledge and I should be glad to furnish them to the hon. member on another occasion; or, he could refer to the transcript of the recent meeting of the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration.

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IMMIGRATION**ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GENERAL QUANG—GOVERNMENT ACTION**

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Now that the minister has read the security report on General Quang sent to him by the United States, and as the U.S. has evidence which could block any re-entry of Quang into the U.S., is the minister now of the opinion that allegations levelled at Quang in this House are correct and, if so, what steps will the minister take to get rid of him?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, we have not completed our investigations. Although the hon. member obviously has access to information, I do not think his comment about the existence of evidence, which would prevent U.S. authorities from accepting General Quang, is necessarily correct. The decisions in this matter have not been taken, and I do not accept the premise of that particular aspect of the preamble.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS**ALLEGED LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF REGIONAL STAFF OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES AND CONFLICTING STATEMENTS IN GUIDELINES**

Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. As the regional staff of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development themselves do not know about the contents of the D-1 guidelines on local government how can we expect these guidelines to be enforced on the date on which they are to apply to native peoples across Canada?

Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I understand that they have been informed about D-1. Other materials have gone out, to elaborate further these guidelines. Quite by chance I was looking at them when the hon. member asked his question.

Mr. Malone: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. How can the minister reconcile conflicting statements in D-1 which suggest a higher degree of self-government and, at the same time, the provision of operators' manuals on

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how native people should run their own affairs, including their own money?

Mr. Buchanan: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated previously when dealing with the subject of guidelines, we feel that as substantial amounts of public funds are handled by Indian organizations, it is imperative from their point of view and ours for us to adhere to definite guidelines, procedures and auditing requirements in the disbursement and administration of these funds.

Mr. Malone: That is not the issue, and the minister knows it.

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ENERGY**FUNDY TIDAL POWER PROJECT—COMPLAINTS CONCERNING LACK OF ACTION ON NEW STUDIES**

Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. Have any complaints been directed to the federal government by the government of Nova Scotia or any of the appointees to the Fundy Tidal Power Review Committee regarding the lack of action on the undertaking of new studies which have been agreed on by the governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, I shall make inquiries.

Mr. Coates: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the minister check some of the public statements which have been made in Nova Scotia by some of the people who have been appointed to the committee I mentioned and determine who is holding up action in this matter, so that we may know more clearly what is happening.

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FINANCE**WINTER CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF COMPLETION DATE FOR PROJECTS**

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. I believe he received notice of it. In light of recent recommendations made to the minister by various members of this House to extend the May 31 deadline of the winter capital works program for those municipalities whose projects have been delayed for various reasons beyond their control, for example, such as labour disputes or delays in approval by provincial administrative tribunals, is the minister in a position to announce today until when the completions of these specific projects will be extended?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, despite the courtesy of the notice, the answer is, no.