

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, as I have announced on many occasions we do plan to introduce legislation to revise the family allowance system, and no, I do not anticipate that it will be enacted soon enough to be operative by September.

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**FINANCE****SELECTIVE FISCAL AND MONETARY MEASURES TO STIMULATE ECONOMIES OF ATLANTIC PROVINCES**

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** My question is supplementary to that asked by my colleague the hon. member for St. John's East of the Minister of Finance. Does the government share the conclusion drawn by the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council that there will be a considerable time lag in the Atlantic area's participation in the over-all recovery of the Canadian economy in the next two years? If so, is the government considering selective fiscal and monetary measures to assist in stimulating the Atlantic region?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I trust the minister can reply to this question briefly. The question is rather wide in scope and normally it should be answered by way of a general statement. If the minister undertakes to reply briefly he will be given the floor.

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I would simply like to say that through the area development program we are materially helping the development of the Atlantic provinces vis-à-vis other areas of Canada, and that I am studying the report of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

**SUGGESTED MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ATLANTIC PROVINCES ON SPECIAL BUDGET MEASURES TO IMPROVE ECONOMIES**

**Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. In view of the very disheartening and pessimistic report of APEC on this matter, would the minister at this late date be prepared to have special meetings with representatives of the Atlantic provinces so they may suggest special measures in the budget that would deal with this problem that is so discouraging?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** If I have requests from various people in Canada to meet with them before the budget I usually try to accommodate them, especially if they come from provincial governments.

**CO-ORDINATION OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MONETARY AND FISCAL POLICIES**

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** This is by way of a related question but it is also a supplementary to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the statement made on national television last night by the honourable, distinguished and learned member for Duvernay to the effect—

[Mr. Marshall.]

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. McGrath:** —that government economic policies were not properly co-ordinated within the government, and since this is especially so with respect to government regional development policies, can the minister assure the House that he will take steps to ensure that the policies of his department are properly co-ordinated with the monetary and fiscal policies of the government?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I understand that the hon. member is passing the same judgment as he used to pass on the member for Duvernay when he was in the Post Office.

**Some hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** He is the same person. We can tell the House that our policies are co-ordinated.

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**YOUTH****OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—INCREASE IN AMOUNT ALLOCATED—EXPLANATION OF REFUSALS**

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** My question is directed to the Secretary of State. In view of the large number of applications coming in for the Opportunities for Youth program, can the minister tell the House whether he has been successful in obtaining more funds for that program?

[Translation]

**Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State):** Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**Mr. Nystrom:** Can the minister state whether refusal notices have gone out to unsuccessful applicants and, if so, are these people told which criteria they failed to meet?

[Translation]

**Mr. Pelletier:** No, Mr. Speaker. As far as I know, all that has been sent out to date is a small percentage of good news to promoters of projects which have already been accepted.

[English]

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—SUGGESTED TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MILITIA TRAINING COURSE**

**Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington):** I have a supplementary question for the Secretary of State, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the summer militia training programs have had to be cut in half because of lack of funds, and that this was a very successful program last year, would the minister consider transferring some of his department's funds in order that this course could be continued?