

tored by virtue of the fact that the interview leads that person to go and search for work. If that is the case, benefits are restored during the period between the interview and the finding of work. I think that is the proper way to do it.

Mr. Lundrigan: I have another supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There are a number of supplementary questions, but perhaps the hon. member might be allowed to ask one more.

[Translation]

I think that the hon. member for Charlevoix would like to direct a supplementary. I shall recognize him after the last supplementary of the hon. member for Gander-Twillingate.

[English]

Mr. Lundrigan: Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary question to the hon. gentleman. In view of the fact that people lose their benefits during the period of disqualification even though they are reinstated, and in view of the fact this process has been carried out right across the country—I could give evidence to this effect if I had the opportunity that the minister has on motions—and knowing that this has caused a great deal of hardship, will the minister make a statement on motions again outlining the extent to which he has been able to clean up this blitz process that has caused so much anguish, and also report to the House on the response he has received from the internal inquiry by the board that he said would be able to report yesterday? Would he make such a statement on motions on Monday?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I doubt that I will be in a position to make a statement on motions on Monday. I am consulting with the advisory committee on Monday evening, I believe, but I am not sure whether the time of that meeting has been set yet.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Charlevoix.

Mr. Gilles Caouette (Charlevoix): I apologize, Mr. Speaker, but my question is not a supplementary. May I ask it just the same?

Mr. Speaker: I shall recognize the hon. member in a moment.

[English]

The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Prince Edward-Hastings, then the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre, and following the first round of questions we will return to these many supplementaries.

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MANPOWER

PLACEMENT PRIORITIES—DIRECTIVE OF MARCH 9— MINISTERIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. In view of his answer to the Leader of the

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Oral Questions

Opposition to the effect that the Minister of Manpower and Immigration shared responsibility for the mistake that was made with his deputy minister, does this government not accept the principle that has been accepted by all Canadian governments since the beginning of the parliamentary process that a minister accepts full responsibility for what goes on in his department and does not share it with any of his civil servants?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member and those who applaud him read the blues they will see that I said the minister shared the responsibility with the government, not with his deputy minister.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): He shared it with his deputy minister yesterday.

Mr. Hees: You said “deputy minister”, and you know it.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: You did.

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TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEE—INQUIRY AS TO MEETING OF STEERING COMMITTEE

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the very distinguished, respected and perceptive member of the House, the hon. member for Crowfoot. I ask my question of that hon. gentleman in his capacity as chairman of the Standing Committee on Transport and Communications.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Howard: That just occurred an hour ago, Mr. Speaker.

An hon. Member: What time is the party?

Mr. Howard: Because of the importance of transportation questions in western Canada, to which the government is giving some priority, will the hon. member tell the House when the steering committee of that committee will meet?

Mr. Jack Horner (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, I might inform the House that the steering committee will meet as soon as the parties involved give me the names of the members they wish to act on the steering committee. Then we will sit down and try to plan our program.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair will recognize the hon. member for Charlevoix.