

Oral Questions

Half a century has passed and the government has yet to keep its promise. The Minister of Indian Affairs has supported the claims of the Stoney Point people to have the land at Camp Ipperwash returned.

My question is for the Minister of National Defence. When can the people of Stoney Point expect an announcement that the government will return the land taken from them 50 years ago?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary committee considered the matter for several weeks. It has tabled its report. The government will respond within the usual timetable.

[*English*]

Mr. Robert E. Skelly (Comox—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, in September 1991 as part of its cost saving plans the government struck a committee on base closures. The report of that committee is expected shortly.

In a letter to the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of Indian Affairs said:

Given your department's current proposal to reduce the number of military bases, I believe this is an appropriate time to finally settle the Camp Ipperwash matter.

Will the Minister of National Defence settle the Camp Ipperwash matter, or will the Stoney Point people have to proceed with the eviction notice they plan to give DND officials on April 16 of this year?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the answer to this question will be included in the government's response.

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MINING DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. The mining community in Abitibi-Témiscamingue and I realized several months ago that the Government of Quebec would not sign the Canada-Quebec subsidiary agreement on mining development

until the agreements on industrial development, forestry and tourism had been signed.

Is the Quebec government discussing the possibility with your department of signing a Canada-Quebec agreement on mining development as soon as possible, for the benefit of Chapais, Chibougamau, Abitibi-Témiscamingue, and Quebec in general?

[*English*]

Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, prior to the question being asked by the hon. member there were other priorities that the province of Quebec had put forward as part of the Canada-Quebec regional development agreement. It has now put forward a position that it wants a new mineral development agreement for Quebec.

My colleague, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, is responsible for the amounts, that is the global amounts. As Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, once those global amounts are agreed to between Canada and Quebec we would be very pleased to develop the details within that MDA and get it signed as soon as possible.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister for External Relations. The government will shortly be announcing a large multi-million dollar project supplying grain storage facilities to Egypt.

Has the minister personally reviewed that contract to ensure that all the facilities, production and supplies will be manufactured by Canadian companies?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Monique Landry (Minister for External Relations and Minister of State (Indian Affairs and Northern Development)): Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that so far I have not looked at the details of the particular project mentioned by the hon. member. He is probably aware that generally speaking, tied aid is subject to certain restrictions or commitments. I am not familiar with the details of this particular project, but I intend to make