

she feels—like the Tories have said—that the Summer Canada Program for students was a band-aid program? It was abolished by her Government.

Was it the Minister of State for Youth (Mrs. Champagne) who suggested that it be abolished or was it the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald)? What does the Minister have in mind as a program to replace this Summer Canada Program for students?

Miss MacDonald: Mr. Speaker, I think the Hon. Member for his question. If he looked at the documents which were released the other night along with the economic statement, I am sure he would see that there was another part to the cancellation of the Summer Canada Program. There was an undertaking that there would be other programs in place. As the Hon. Member knows, we have set aside some \$1 billion for new job-creation opportunities. We want to co-ordinate our efforts for next summer and indeed beyond that with our provincial counterparts and with the private sector.

I assure the Hon. Member that these programs will be worked out within the next few months and that there will be programs in place for next summer. I want to assure the Hon. Member, all other Hon. Members and the young people of the country of that.

Mr. Baker: Mr. Speaker, I had another question for the Minister, but in light of the statement she just made, I should like to indicate that there are vast areas in the country where there is no private enterprise—none, not even a McDonald's. These are high unemployment areas. The only way that someone leaving high school can attend university or trade school is through direct job creation by one of the two governments. Certain provinces in Canada, such as the Province of Newfoundland, have no direct job-creation program for students. That is the only way a student can further his or her education or return to school the following year.

Is the Minister now saying definitely that there will be a direct job-creation program by government for students next summer to replace the one which was just discontinued by the Government? The question is straightforward. It has nothing to do with private enterprise because many of these areas have no private enterprise. These are the poor about whom I am talking now, not students of rich families. I am asking the Minister point blank: Is she saying definitely that there will be a direct job-creation program for students administered by government next summer?

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Miss MacDonald: Mr. Speaker, I am very well aware that there are disadvantaged areas and disadvantaged groups of people throughout this country. I think we have already shown our good intent in this regard by announcing some \$430 million in direct job-creation programs for this winter. That is job-creation projects that were not placed on the books by the previous Liberal Government. They simply were not there.

I want to assure the Hon. Member with regard to next summer that we are going to be working out these programs

during consultations throughout the next three months. I do not intend to announce today what the outcome of those consultations will be, but I can assure the Hon. Member that there will be programs in place for the summer.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The last question by the Hon. Member for Cape Breton-East Richmond (Mr. Dingwall).

Mr. Dingwall: Mr. Speaker, my question is to the same Minister. The announcement was for \$430 million Canada Works funds. Will the Minister indicate to the House whether that is over a two-year period or if it is just for one fiscal year, 1985-86? Second, she makes mention of the \$1 billion fund for job creation in training. In answering this question, will she say whether or not the National Training Act, which we instituted, is going to be done away with and can she give a firm date as to when the \$1 billion will be disbursed and how it will be disbursed? She makes mention of discussion and consultation, but the Canadian people would like to know when that announcement is made how the money will be disbursed.

Miss MacDonald: Mr. Speaker, can I perhaps take the questions in reverse order. The \$1 billion and the announcement thereof will certainly not be made until we have carried out the consultations with the other partners in the process. That is really what it is all about. I am hoping that these consultations will be carried out within a period of three months. That is what I am looking toward. I cannot tell the Hon. Member definitely at this point that they will all be completed by then, but that is generally the target.

The second part of the question had to do with the National Training Act. I have been in discussion with my provincial colleagues, the persons responsible for having signed the agreements on behalf of the provinces under the National Training Act. We have agreed jointly to the extension of the National Training Act for one year so that consultations can take place over that which will extend the National Training Act and make any modifications or changes to it that are seen to be needed.

With regard to Canada Works, that is for this winter. It began, of course, in 1984-85. The tail of it has to run over into the next fiscal year. That is because some of the projects which will probably be underway or getting underway January 1 will not be completed until into that next fiscal year.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Questions and comments are now terminated. I would like to recognize the next speaker—

[*Translation*]

—the Hon. Minister of State (Youth) and Member for Saint-Hyacinthe-Bagot.

Hon. Andrée Champagne (Minister of State (Youth)): First I would like to thank my fellow Members, who irrespective of their political affiliation, offered their congratulations on my