

Newfoundland and on the coast of Labrador in terms of the fishery.

As my colleague, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, indicated yesterday, we are considering with the provincial government and with the union in Newfoundland and Labrador the method by which we can help the citizens of Newfoundland and Labrador to meet that difficult situation.

As we are speaking, officials in my department and at Fisheries and Oceans are working on this. As soon as we are in a position with the support of the province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the union to make public our recommendation, we shall.

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for his answer. Indeed it is encouraging to know that the provincial government, the federal government and the union are working together. I think what people want on September 18, at this time of the year with children just back in school, no income, down to their last dollars, is to make a decision whether to carry on fishing to put bread and butter on the table. What they want from the minister, understandably, is some assurance that assistance is going to be forthcoming soon, within a matter of weeks. Last year assistance was not forthcoming until the end of December.

Can we have a quicker response this year so that fishermen know they can carry on fishing for what little resources are left out there?

**Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** If the hon. member is concerned about the timing, do not go back to December of last year. Look at the ice conditions of this spring. This government acted expeditiously to put in place a program of \$18 million that benefitted 9,000 people from Newfoundland and Labrador.

I think those people of Newfoundland and Labrador know that the Conservative government in Ottawa works.

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#### EMPLOYMENT

**Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Minister of Industry, Science and Technology.

#### Oral Questions

Two years ago the government gave \$1 million to Kendall Canada to help it move from my riding to Peterborough, Ontario. A week ago Kendall announced it was closing its new manufacturing operation in Peterborough and moving its production to the United States, resulting in a loss of some 165 jobs in Peterborough, following a loss two years ago of some 700 jobs in my riding.

What steps does the government intend to take to stem the growing number of manufacturing job losses in this country? Also, can the Canadian taxpayers at least expect to get that \$1 million back?

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Mr. Speaker, I am happy to respond to my hon. friend and I join him in expressing empathy for those who will lose their jobs. He should know, however, that when Kendall moved to Peterborough, the whole operation would have gone to the United States. This was before the free trade agreement two years ago. The whole operation would have gone there. As a result of this contribution, Kendall was moved to Peterborough and a part of the operation will remain in Peterborough. More importantly, I will make sure that the terms and conditions of that grant are adhered to and make sure the control period is adhered to.

Also, under the over-all program, IRDP, Coca-Cola moved to Peterborough, Minute Maid moved to Peterborough, Royal Homes moved to Peterborough. Thousands of jobs were created under that program.

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#### HOUSING

**Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister responsible for housing. When will the minister direct Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to remove the high risk designation for mortgage eligibility from the city of Fort McMurray, a city of 35,000 people?

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, we are reviewing this matter. I have every sympathy with the hon. member's eloquent representations in this regard. We are looking at the policy and if it is possible to do so, we will have another look and see if it can be effected.