

*Inquiries of the Ministry***INDIAN AFFAIRS**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF POLICY
RESPECTING CLAIMS

Mr. Bernard Dumont (Frontenac): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Indian and Christian Affairs of Canada.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Dumont: Does anybody question that he is a "Christian?"

In view of the claim filed by the Indians on 85 per cent of the Quebec territory, what is the attitude of the government and his department about this?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, this claim was sent to the Quebec government and it will have to give an answer, favourable or not. This is not my problem at this time.

[*English*]

YUKON TERRITORYREQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT RESPECTING
FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister with respect to the forthcoming reforms which he is going to announce regarding the form of government in the Yukon Territory. Is it his intention to announce those reforms within the next week or two, or to wait until the Sourdough Rendezvous that he will be attending in Whitehorse at the end of February?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I intend to be there, and I hope the hon. member will be present also.

As for the policy regarding the Yukon, I shall not proceed with its implementation before I have announced that of the Northwest Territories.

[*English*]

INDIAN AFFAIRSTABLING OF STANBURY-FIELD REPORT ON
INDIAN TAXATION

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, and refers to the question I put to him last Friday, which he took as notice. Is the minister now in a position to state when he will be

hours of work, there was not a breach of regulations but in respect to the conditions under which the landing in question took place, it is a different matter and disciplinary action was taken in the United States by the licensing authorities. In addition we suspended the licence here of the company involved for a period of time, until satisfactory assurances could be given that in future regulations would be observed.

With respect to the hours that a pilot may operate or be on duty, I may say these were worked out by the Department of Transport in co-operation with the air lines and the Air Line Pilots Association. It is now some time since they were agreed to and I understand they are presently being reviewed, with the prospect of revisions based on the experience gained since the time they were first agreed to.

Mr. Nesbitt: Would the minister give an assurance that as of now Air Canada pilots are not continuously on duty for more than 17 or 21 hours at a time?

Mr. Hellyer: That is part of the question the hon. member asked before, Mr. Speaker, and I would like to reply at once and give that assurance. Certainly I can in respect to the way the hon. member posed the question the other day, but I would like to have the total information rather than reply piecemeal.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIESREQUEST FOR STATEMENT RESPECTING
SELF-GOVERNMENT

Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In light of the current meetings of the Northwest Territories Council will the minister soon be in a position to tell us that he will be able to make an announcement about government policy regarding self-government in the territories?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I have taken a decision on this matter and submitted a proposal to the cabinet. I hope it will receive approval within the next weeks and I expect to be in the Northwest Territories, to announce the new policy, in early February.