

that medicare, so far as the federal government is concerned, is a cost-sharing arrangement with the provinces. The administration is entirely within their area of responsibility and jurisdiction. They have not asked that any role be played by the federal government in this.

Mrs. MacInnis: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since medicare—

An hon. Member: The minister has just answered your question.

Mrs. MacInnis: Yes, and I will ask another one. Since medicare is a federal-provincial cost-sharing scheme and since it is essential for medicare to work better and for the public to have confidence in it, does the minister intend to insist on a full investigation of these charges which indicate that very serious practices are going on?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, I answered the hon. member's question precisely as to whether we were investigating this particular area of alleged abuse, and the answer was no. The province has not asked us to investigate. If, on the other hand, she wishes to know whether we are behind the provinces and support them in attempting to cut down wasteful expenditures and abuses of this kind, the answer is yes.

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[Translation]

MANPOWER

ADULT OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING ACT—INQUIRY WHETHER COURSES WILL BE TERMINATED BEFORE COMING INTO FORCE OF AMENDMENTS

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I have for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration a question related to the bill to amend the Adult Occupational Training Act.

Can the minister assure the House that those now receiving vocational training will be able to complete their studies before the minister's new bill is implemented?

[English]

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the two matters are unrelated. I might say, while I have the opportunity, that I intend later in the week to table the appropriate correspondence between my department and the premiers of the various provinces. People presently on courses will not be affected by this bill; it simply widens the scope of the program and permits people who were previously ineligible for courses to become eligible.

Inquiries of the Ministry

AIRPORTS

PICKERING TOWNSHIP SITE—PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport. When will the documents that were made available at the airport meeting with the minister this morning be available to members of this House and the general public?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the answer is now. Rather than make a general distribution—I would be glad to do but goodness knows we receive enough paper—any member who wishes to see the documentation should call my office and we will see that it is delivered right away.

Mr. Cafik: Mr. Speaker, will these documents be made available in sufficient quantity to allow members of parliament to cope with the heavy demand for additional information regarding the Pickering site?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Any information that any taxpayer wants on the plan can certainly be made available.

[Later:]

Mr. Cafik: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. In view of the fact that a special group of departmental officials is being made available to provide in-depth information to the People Over Planes group regarding the Pickering airport site, will the same expertise be made available to others who express interest in obtaining similar in-depth information?

Mr. Jamieson: Yes, Mr. Speaker. Whether their name is Pop, Pow, Alakazam or whatever it happens to be, they will get the same treatment.

Mr. Baldwin: How about Danson?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

ARMED FORCES HOUSING—POSSIBILITY OF PERSONNEL ESTABLISHING EQUITY THROUGH RENT PAYMENTS

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of National Defence. It relates to the indication we now have that Treasury Board is going to initiate a review with regard to housing for employees within the public service. My question is more specific and concerns members of the Canadian Armed Forces. Will the minister assure the House that representation will be made within the context of this policy review with regard to a method by which members of the Canadian Armed Forces might build some equity through the rents which we compel them to pay because of the nature of their service to Canada?