[English]

DREE PROGRAM—INCLUSION OF GANANOQUE AS DESIGNATED AREA

Question No. 649-Mr. Cossitt:

Is the government giving consideration to including Gananoque, Ontario, as a designated area eligible for grants under the DREE Program?

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): At present there are two designated regions in Ontario. Incentive Region B is scheduled to remain designated until December 31, 1973. Incentive Region C is scheduled to remain designated until June 30, 1973. (Gananoque is not in either region.) Prior to the foregoing dates, there will be consultations with the Province of Ontario regarding future designated regions. These consultations will take place over the next few months. No decision will be made regarding any changes in the present designated regions until these discussions have been completed.

*LORNEVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY

Question No. 784-Mr. Fairweather:

Will the Lorneville Environmental Impact Study be released and, if so, on what date?

Mr. William Rompkey (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, the study will be released on February 7, 1973.

QUESTIONS PASSED AS ORDERS FOR RETURNS

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY—RESEARCH CONTRACTS

Question No. 119-Mr. Nystrom:

- 1. What was the total amount of money spent in each of the fiscal years 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72 by the Department of Science and Technology on contracts to outside persons and organizations for research, development and other consulting services?
- 2. What are the names and addresses of these outside persons and organizations and what amounts of money were involved in each contract?
- 3. What was the purpose of each contract and title of each report submitted?
- 4. What are the names and addresses of outside persons and organizations who were awarded contracts for research, development and other consulting services in the current fiscal year, what are the amounts of money involved in each case and what is the purpose of each contract?

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NORTHERN MINERAL EXPLORATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Question No. 204-Mr. Firth:

- 1. What were the names of recipients benefitting from the Northern Mineral Exploration Assistance Program (NMEAP) in each fiscal year 1968-69 to 1972-73 to date, and what were the amounts of money involved in each case?
 - 2. What are the objectives of the above program?

Oral Questions

3. Has the department conducted any evaluative study of the program and, if so, what was the date of the latest report?

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LIP PROJECTS

Question No. 208-Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):

How many LIP projects were received by the Department of Manpower and Immigration as of December 31, 1972 (a) what was the total amount involved (b) how many projects were approved as of December 31, 1972 (c) for what amount (d) how many projects were approved for the Province of Quebec as of the same date (e) for what constituencies and what was the amount involved in each?

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ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

ENERGY

SECURITY OF OIL SUPPLIES FOR EASTERN CANADA—POSITION OF DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED STATES ON POSSIBLE AGREEMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources whether any agreement has been reached with the United States in the one area that the minister has said is under discussion, that is, assurance of a supply of oil to eastern Canada in the event of eastern Canada's sources of offshore oil being cut off?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): No, Mr. Speaker, no agreement has been reached. At the moment we are looking forward to a renewed discussion of this question by officials.

- Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the minister what the difficulty is in reaching an agreement and whether, before making any such agreement, the United States authorities are seeking a specific assurance with regard to a continued supply of oil and/or gas from western Canada?
- Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Not a specific assurance, Mr. Speaker.
- **Mr. Stanfield:** Would the minister indicate to the House what sort of assurance the United States is seeking before entering into an agreement with Canada in order that we may have some assurance with regard to the supply of oil for eastern Canada in the event of an emergency?
- Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated to the House last week, their concern is with regard to the possible importation of oil, essentially into the mid-continental market.