[English]

Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): The policy is in its final stage of preparation.

Some hon. Members: Oh!

[Translation]

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, on a supplementary.

As everyone else, Mr. Speaker, on this side of the House we of course have had occasion to see the minister give news conferences and speak of her good intentions, but in the interest of all Canada we feel that an overall policy should be adopted. At the time of the speech from the throne, the government did give cause for expectations in Canadians, so I put my question again to the minister to give her a chance to reply if she really wants to be taken seriously by the country. Does she intend to introduce in this Parliament an over-all policy in which, of course, the provinces would co-operate? What are the real intentions of the minister: will she limit herself to giving a few news conferences to give illusions to the Canadians, as is the case now?

[English]

Mrs. Campagnolo: When the policy is prepared I shall be very pleased to share it not only with the hon. member but with all the people of Canada.

[Translation]

Mr. La Salle: Mr. Speaker, as we all know that the government is responsible for allowing all Canadians to develop in any field of endeavour, according to their tastes and talents, has the minister actually looked into the possibility of financing the basic facilities that are required in all areas of our country? If so, what kind of budget does she intend to present, what financial recommendations does she intend to make, if she wants to have any credibility with regard to an overall policy?

[English]

Mrs. Campagnolo: Mr. Speaker, I understand the hon. member is trying to determine whether or not the federal government is going to go into capital expenditures for provision of facilities across the country. I would remind him that at present Loto Canada is supplying 12.5 per cent of its total revenue to the provinces which is utilized for the provision of facilities. In addition, at this time it is not my intention to provide capital funds for facilities. However, if this should change, I would certainly be the first person to advise the hon. member.

CONTINGENCY PLANS IN EVENT FUNDS NOT SUPPLIED BY LOTO CANADA

Mr. Howard Johnston (Okanagan-Kootenay): Mr. Speaker, considering the extent to which the minister's plans for the future of sport in Canada depend on revenue derived from Loto Canada, what contingency plan has the minister developed to meet the near collapse of Loto Canada in the face of provincial lottery competitions?

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Hon. Iona Campagnolo (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)): I do not see at the present time that the collapse of Loto Canada will rest with the decision of one province, and certainly there are contingency plans, but I do not think this is the appropriate time for that to be discussed, since I do not have the time to delineate them during the question period.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Johnston: Mr. Speaker, all we want to hear is some reassurance that the minister is aware of conditions that are before us already and two years in advance of her anticipation.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Johnston: In light of the declining Loto Canada revenues, does the minister anticipate a round of conferences with the provinces to obtain a share of their lottery revenue, or will she rely on private endeavours from organizations with which she has already interfered in a startling attempt to use sport to bolster the government's political policies?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some hon. Members: Shame.

Mrs. Campagnolo: First of all, Mr. Speaker, I would like to make it extremely clear to the hon. member that Loto Canada has no intention of laying down and dying.

An hon. Member: Don't be bumptious, and answer the question.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Woolliams: Watch your grammar, Iona.

Mrs. Campagnolo: We always like your grammar, Eldon.

On the second part of the question which the hon. member has raised regarding interference in the sports world, I feel that the reference is ill-advised. When it comes to his reference to the sports governing organizations of the Organization of African Unity, I cannot believe that the hon. member would find it more suitable that Canada should be in favour of apartheid in sports.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

MANPOWER

NEW PLANS TO DEAL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT—DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Three days ago the minister acknowledged outside this House that he would be introducing new employment programs to reduce the high level of unemployment in all of Canada's regions. Can the minister indicate to the House