

Inquiries of the Ministry

put to the House at the time of the budget. This will be done.

PROGRAM TO PROVIDE JOBS FOR UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): My question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of a recent survey by the University of Toronto which indicated a 30 per cent drop in job opportunities for graduates and the recommendation that they seek jobs in other countries, does the minister have any intention of bringing forth a program to provide more job opportunities for these graduates or to provide financial assistance while they seek employment?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the over-all situation for graduates, particularly those with advanced degrees, will naturally respond very quickly to the upturn in the economy which is expected to take place.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Lang: There are now no specific programs designed for university graduates which are not of the usual sort available to everyone.

UNEMPLOYMENT—DISCUSSIONS WITH PROVINCES ON
SETTING UP WORK CAMPS

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina-Lake Centre) I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Have there been any discussions between the minister, or an other member of the government, and the provinces with regard to setting up summer camps or work camps in various parts of Canada?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there have been many discussions about a lot of subjects. I would hate to indicate that any particular subject had been excluded therefrom. With regard to the details of any programs which we are seriously considering, an announcement will be made in due course.

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[Translation]

INCOME TAX

ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW ASSESSMENTS FOR
1968 AND 1969

Mr. Roland Godin (Portneuf): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the hon. Minister of National Revenue.

Since the Department of National Revenue has established new assessments, regarding returns which had already been accepted for 1968 and 1969, and in view of the fact that an official of that department has informed me, in a letter dated February 15, that claims would be sent right and left throughout Canada to approximately 9,000 people, could the minister tell us whether, through this method, he intends to recover enough money to

[Mr. Trudeau.]

make up for what he was unable to collect from the 700,000 unemployed, or whether this is merely—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I regret to interrupt the hon. member, but he seems to be launching out into a speech instead of asking a question. If he intends to put a question, I would ask him to do so as fast as possible.

Mr. Godin: Could the minister tell us whether by this procedure he intends to recover sufficient funds to compensate for his loss, due to the 700,000 unemployed Canadians or if he merely intends to show the incompetence of the department during the years 1968—

Mr. Speaker: The remainder of the question indicates that the hon. member was trying to advance an argument.

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[English]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

INCREASE IN COST OF DESTROYER CONSTRUCTION
PROGRAM—ALLOCATION OF MONEY TO
SHIPYARDS

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): My question is for the Minister of National Defence, but in his absence I will direct it to the Minister of Supply and Services or the President of the Treasury Board. It is in connection with the report that the completion cost of the DDH-280 program has now increased by \$25 million. I ask the Minister of Supply and Services whether this amount of money has now been allotted to the Sorel Yard, whether it will be divided between the two yards, the Sorel yard and Davie yard, or will there be an additional claim against the treasury of Canada by one or the other yards for \$25 million?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, in the past several weeks the Minister of National Defence has given assurance to the House that he was undertaking a very complete review of the DDH program. He made that commitment shortly after taking over responsibility for the department. To the extent that my department is involved in the program, I have been working with him on that review. The minister will be appearing before the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence tomorrow morning at which time he proposes to table the full report. It is a comprehensive report. In light of that, I do not think a partial or piecemeal answer would be appropriate at this time.

Mr. Forrestall: I accept the suggestion of the minister. The matter will, indeed, be thoroughly gone into tomorrow. In anticipation and to give us some idea of the situation, may I ask if the \$25 million has been paid to the Sorel yard?

Mr. Richardson: No, Mr. Speaker. There has been no payment of that amount to the Sorel yard.