

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister and I look forward to an early response to the question. As the minister knows, it is the responsibility of the federal government to ensure that the first principle of medicare is implemented nationally, namely, the question of universal accessibility. Is he aware, quite apart from the Marystown example, that in the province of Newfoundland as a whole, health care delivery now is being jeopardized by a complete freeze on the construction of hospitals and the existence of deterrent fees charged to hospital patients? If he is aware of this activity by the present government in the province of Newfoundland, what does the minister plan to do now to ensure that the principle of universal accessibility is as available to the people of Newfoundland as it is to other Canadians?

**Mr. Crombie:** Mr. Speaker, with respect to the hospital construction, I am aware of the problem the hon. member raises. I have had some discussions with respect to the principle of universality in Newfoundland. I should like to assure the hon. member that the government of Newfoundland respects that principle as well. As the hon. member is probably aware, in fact they have joined with me in supporting the Hall commission report which will be making recommendations with respect to user charges in April.

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[Translation]

**MANPOWER****CANADA WORKS PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

**Mr. C.-A. Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration and concerns another subject. To follow up on my motion, I would like to ask the minister to advise the House whether additional funds will be allocated to Canada Works projects in the next budget.

[English]

**Hon. Ron Atkey (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the moneys for Canada Works for 1979-1980 have already been allocated. The deadline for applications was September 28—long passed. So the short answer to the hon. member's question is, no, there will not be additional moneys.

[Translation]

**Mr. Gauthier (Roberval):** Mr. Speaker, I want to draw the minister's attention to the fact that in previous years we have always received additional funds because of our high rate of unemployment. The rate of unemployment in my region this year is even higher than before and everybody is expecting the minister to grant additional funds. In my opinion, it is more profitable to make people work than to pay them unemployment benefits to do nothing. That is why I am pressing the minister for a definite answer.

[English]

**Mr. Atkey:** Mr. Speaker, I agree with the hon. member that it is far preferable to have people work than to have them on unemployment. I would ask the hon. member to wait patiently for the employment strategy of the new government, the details of which will be indicated in the course of the budget speech. The debate on the budget, hopefully, will be in the near future.

**CANADA WORKS PROGRAM—EXPECTED APPROVAL OF PENDING APPLICATIONS**

**Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the same minister. In view of his statement just now that the deadline for applications for Canada Works grants was September 28, I would ask when we can expect his approval of the many worth-while applications which have been sitting in his office for six or seven weeks?

**Hon. Ron Atkey (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the approval process has taken some time. I can assure the hon. member that it will be very shortly when the announcements as to the successful applications will be announced in each area of Canada and in particular the province of New Brunswick.

**Mr. Dionne (Northumberland-Miramichi):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that one group took only two days because it involved an area in which a provincial byelection was concerned, will the minister tell us when the political laundry process will end and when he will get these applications out and get people to work?

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Leeds-Grenville.

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE****INVESTIGATION INTO ACTIVITIES OF PROFESSOR HAMBLETON**

**Mr. Tom Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question to direct to the Solicitor General and Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I am wondering if he could tell the House anything with regard to recent RCMP investigations into the activities of Laval University Professor Hugh George Hambleton, reportedly stemming over a period of ten years, including his connections with Russian citizen Lijana Galeva, of New York city, and why within the last few days the RCMP has seized Professor Hambleton's bank accounts and certain documents?

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Solicitor General and Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, in most RCMP investigations, but certainly with regard to a security matter such as this, I am inhibited from what I can inform the