

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

in Prince Edward Island. I have been informed by the Chief Electoral Officer that he has received and accepted the resignations of the returning officers for Egmont and Cardigan. I would appreciate, Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member could convey that information to the hon. member for Hillsborough, who is not in his seat today.

**Hon. J. A. MacLean (Malpeque):** Mr. Speaker, I would be very pleased to convey this information to my colleague, the hon. member for Hillsborough. I might add that I shall be able to do it within an hour in this place. I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is it the intention of the government to fill the vacancies which have been created?

**Mr. Stanbury:** I am sure replacements will be appointed in due course, Mr. Speaker.

**INDIAN AFFAIRS**AVAILABILITY OF COQUALEETZA HOSPITAL  
LAUNDRY FACILITIES TO INDIANS

**Mr. Frank Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday I directed a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare about the use of the laundry facilities at the Coqualeetza Hospital near Chilliwack. I had some conversation with the minister following the question period and I wonder—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The lighthearted exchanges on my right make it difficult for the Chair to hear the hon. member's interesting question.

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** With respect, Mr. Speaker, I think the designation should have been lightheaded. I should like to ask the Minister of National Health and Welfare whether he can provide an answer to my question regarding the use of the laundry facilities at the Coqualeetza Hospital, following the conversation that he and I had after the question period yesterday?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, we did receive a telegram from Mr. Wilbur Campbell on this matter. We did indicate that we could not make a decision on the feasibility of the laundry in question until we had received the feasibility study on the entire site which we expected by the end of May; I understand now that it will not be available until June so we are talking about another six weeks. Then we will be in a position to relate the circumstances regarding the laundry to the over-all recommendations for this site.

[Mr. Stanbury.]

**Mr. Howard (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I wonder whether we might not pursue the matter raised by the hon. member for Skeena tomorrow or Monday. The hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East.

**POLLUTION**CHEDABUCTO BAY—PAYMENT OF  
COMPENSATION

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Justice. To date, has the government been able to work out the procedures that those people should follow who are requesting compensation because of the oil disaster in Chedabucto Bay?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice):** No. The subject is under review by the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, the Minister of Transport and myself.

**UNITED NATIONS**CANADIAN CONTRIBUTION TO BIRTH  
CONTROL FUND

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** I have a question for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. I would like to find out whether the conflict within the cabinet has yet been resolved and whether Canada has a policy with regard to contributing to the United Nations fund for—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I have some doubts as to the form of the question. The hon. member for Joliette.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I understand the hon. member wants to rephrase the question.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I do. I ask the Secretary of State for External Affairs whether he will make an early statement on Canada's policy regarding a contribution to the United Nations fund for family planning and birth control for those nations that wish it?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I hope consideration of this matter will be concluded soon so that I will be able to make such a statement.