

*Oral Questions*

ment letting the other major aircraft manufacturer in this country go out of Canadian hands?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, once again, as I have indicated, we have no firm offer from anybody, Canadian or non-Canadian. The Hon. Member is obviously not well informed.

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**INVESTMENT CANADA****TIMING OF DECISION ON PURCHASE OF PRENTICE-HALL BY GULF WESTERN**

**Mr. Bob Hicks (Scarborough East):** Mr. Speaker, my question today is directed to the Minister responsible for Investment Canada. It centres around the purchase in December, 1984, of Prentice-Hall Canada by Gulf Western.

As the Hon. Minister knows, Prentice-Hall employs nearly 250 people and pays out over \$1 million in royalties. When can Canadians and concerned employees anticipate approval or, heaven forbid, disapproval of that purchase?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Let me assure the Hon. Member, Mr. Speaker, that it will be sooner rather than later.

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**AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY****CHRYSLER CORPORATION—INVESTMENT IN CANADA**

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. In his discussions with Chrysler, will he remind the company of the role played by the Canadian Government and Canadian workers in ensuring Chrysler's survival and, therefore, of its obligation to spend a fair share here in Canada of its capital budget of \$3.4 billion for 1986, and especially to ensure there is a new manufacturing project in Chrysler's former engine plant in Windsor, something that could create as many as 1,600 new jobs?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, as you have already presumably recognized, we are well ahead of the Hon. Member. We have already drawn that to Chrysler's attention.

**WINDSOR ENGINE PLANT—REQUEST FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, will the Minister now commit to give equivalent assistance to Chrysler to re-establish that engine plant as a manufacturing project in Windsor, assistance equivalent to that already committed to Hyundai and Toyota? Will the Minister do at least that to ensure some balance in the development of the Canadian auto industry with jobs for Canadian workers in the southwestern Ontario region?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member refers to assistance to Hyundai and Toyota.

To keep the record straight, any assistance from the federal Government in the case of Hyundai was with respect to the ERDA agreement that now exists with the Province of Quebec.

As far as Toyota is concerned, no assistance was requested and no assistance was given to Toyota.

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**TOURISM****EFFECT OF GASOLINE PRICES**

**Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for Tourism. The now Prime Minister in 1984 acknowledged the effect that the price of gasoline was having on tourism in Canada. His "Tourism Tomorrow" paper points out that we are losing both market share and American automobile tourists.

Will the Minister make the strongest possible representations to his colleague, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and ask her to exercise her legal power and, in fact, responsibility to the people of Canada by directing Petro-Canada to reduce its prices?

**Hon. Jack Murta (Minister of State (Tourism)):** Mr. Speaker, what we are doing in the area of tourism is to be commended, I think, by all sides of the House. We are setting out to market Canada in a very positive and aggressive fashion. In my opinion that will prove successful.

As far as any marketing approach in the United States is concerned, and the Americans have been asked about the price of gasoline in Canada, price has not had a significant impact on American's intentions to holiday in Canada.

**EXPO 86**

**Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, intention is one thing and action is another.

If the Minister is not prepared to try to get a reduction in the price of gasoline, what is he prepared to do for Expo 86 and the tourism industry in British Columbia?

**Hon. Jack Murta (Minister of State (Tourism)):** Mr. Speaker, in the context of Expo 86 in British Columbia, the Government has spent many many millions of dollars not only promoting Expo 86, but in building infrastructure in Vancouver, of which I am sure all Canadians will be proud when they attend Expo 86 and see it.