

three minutes. I do not think it possible, in such a short space of time, to give a fitting answer to all the interesting aspects of the question raised by my hon. friend. I will therefore limit myself to a single point in the hope that he will understand the situation and I shall try to pass his comments on to the minister, who may be able to supply a fuller and more appropriate answer to aspects of the question he has raised.

The discussions which have just recently begun on the future of the Opportunity for Youth and Local Initiatives programs, are still in the preliminary stages. In fact, negotiations are now under way between the Department of the Secretary of State and the Department of Manpower and Immigration. Unfortunately, the answers which the hon. member is looking for are not yet available since no agreement has yet been reached.

With regard to the question now being asked as to the future of the Opportunities for Youth program, I have discussed the matter with the Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner) and he has informed me that he would be delighted to hear the comments of the hon. members and

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of the Canadian public in general. The minister has always been prepared to listen to the opinions of hon. members and he invites all those wishing to contribute to the improvement of the program to let him know their views. The minister also pointed out to me that he had received many recommendations about the program from social planning councils, associations and agencies of every kind, and from members of the Canadian Council on Social Development. The government is now studying all these suggestions and will, of course, evaluate all the advice given.

Having listened to my hon. friend, I realize that his question has to do with criteria. Unfortunately, I am not in a position to give a full answer, but I can assure him that this matter is of concern to me and I shall try to go into it further. I admit that my answer is not wholly satisfactory, but I hope that I can make up for that in the next few days.

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Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.22 p.m.
