

Oral Questions

a wife and family through a plate of glass by telephone, inmates can visit them in open visiting areas which have been established in most of our institutions. That has created a very difficult problem. I have come to recognize the difficulty of controlling contraband within the institution. I think an excellent job is done of controlling it, but it has not been totally eliminated.

I read in the newspapers that the use of cyanide was suspected. I want to wait until the investigation is completed to see whether that was the case and whether we can obtain any evidence on how it got in, and whether any further measures can be taken to control it. But I would hesitate and very much regret to move to a situation where inmates were behind bars within their cells full time—

Madam Speaker: Order.

Mr. Kaplan:—and open visiting was discontinued.

Madam Speaker: Order.

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[*Translation*]

EMPLOYMENT

EMERGENCY FUND FOR CREATION OF JOBS—DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROJECTS

Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Lotbinière): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Today, the minister announced in a press release that a series of direct job-creation programs worth \$300 million would be set up by the Canadian government. My question has four parts. When will the constituency allocations be announced? How much has, in fact, been allocated to the province of Quebec? There has been some talk of an emergency fund of \$41 million: how will this money be spent? And finally, what will be the deadline for submitting projects under the community development projects program?

[*English*]

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, in response to the question, I think I should point out, for the interest of the Leader of the New Democratic Party, who asked a question earlier, that, as a result of the announcement today, 57,000 additional new jobs will be created for the workers of this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Axworthy: Within the next week or ten days we will be sending the allocations to Members of Parliament for their constituencies. In the case of Members of Parliament the minimum has been raised by 100 per cent to \$200,000, and the maximum has been raised to \$3 million.

[*Translation*]

Last year, the province of Quebec received \$50 million, and this year, it will be receiving \$80 million.

[*English*]

Finally, we have set aside a special allocation of \$41 million, a special response fund, to respond to areas which are hard-hit by lay-offs or where there is a danger of workers being hit by exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits. We will enlist the co-operation of Members of Parliament to keep us informed of those matters within their ridings. We are committed to working with them to help in direct job-creation programs in hard-hit areas.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

EL SALVADOR—SUPPLYING OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY UNITED STATES

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for External Affairs and concerns aid to Central America. The U.S. Congress has imposed a special condition on U.S. aid to El Salvador that substantial progress of human rights and reform programs must be certified by the U.S. President every six months. Yesterday President Reagan gave his certification to continue aid which will include, among other things, \$81 million worth of military equipment. This was done even over heavy opposition from the members of the U.S. Senate and clear allegations that the Salvadoran National Police had tortured an official from the Green Cross organization in May. By the way, the Green Cross organization looks after displaced persons within the country. Could the Secretary of State explain to this House what measures he is taking to protest this move by the U.S. President?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Madam Speaker, it is not our role to determine what U.S. policy should be in this situation. Our own view of what is happening in El Salvador is that, as a result of pressure from a number of governments outside and, of course, also because of many people within the country who are working to the same purpose, a decision has been made to continue the land reform movement, which we applaud. At the moment, we are not, ourselves, in the position to give any new development assistance to El Salvador other than that which has been slowly completed as a result of previous commitments, but we would want to encourage the government in its land reform. I can assure the hon. member that we are prepared to protest violations of human rights when and if they occur.

HONDURAS—AIRCRAFT EXPORTS FROM CANADA

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, on a question that relates more directly to the Canadian position, it has been announced that Canada has granted an export permit for three DHC—5D Buffalo aircraft to Honduras. At this