

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, as for specific statistics, I cannot say I have exact figures in mind. We do know of the importance of federal lands, and the whole slate of federal policies is designed to ensure that exploration and development will continue, as indeed they are continuing. Not only that, but they are being successful. One of the most successful ventures is Panarctic, which was set up, as the House knows, by the Liberal government some years ago.

**Mr. Bawden:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Is the Prime Minister aware that exploration activity on federal lands has fallen in the last two years by almost one-third; and would he tell the House whether we can expect the federal government's regulations relating to these lands in the very near future, and what would be the outside date?

**Mr. Trudeau:** I really cannot add anything to my previous answer to a question that is of the same nature, Mr. Speaker.

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#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

REQUEST THAT MOBILE INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM BE MADE AVAILABLE AT SYDNEY AIRPORT

**Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence. In light of the fact that the Sydney airport is without one of its main instrument landing systems, and in view of the information from the Ministry of Transport that a replacement system is not presently available, I wonder whether the hon. gentleman would investigate and advise whether a mobile ILS can be made available to MOT for use at Sydney in the interests of air traffic safety?

**Hon. James Richardson (Minister of National Defence):** I will make the necessary inquiries, Mr. Speaker, and consult with the Minister of Transport.

**Mr. Muir:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question which I will address to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport. In view of the hon. gentleman's quick action in response to the question when I first raised it in the House, would he follow the matter up with the Minister of National Defence and ascertain whether something can be done regarding this very serious situation?

**Mr. Cliff McIsaac (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** I will be glad to do that, Mr. Speaker.

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#### VETERANS AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE HOUSING LEGISLATION BEING CONSIDERED

**Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a question to the Minister of Veterans Affairs which is supplementary to the question the

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hon. member for Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe put yesterday to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Now that we have seen the bill amending the housing legislation which was introduced earlier today, and in view of the fact that it contains no reference whatsoever to any special provisions for veterans, may I ask the Minister of Veterans Affairs whether the promises of some special arrangements for veterans housing, once the Veterans' Land Act expires, are still under consideration?

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** The answer is yes, Mr. Speaker.

#### DATE OF INTRODUCTION OF HOUSING LEGISLATION

**Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, may I ask the minister a supplementary question. In view of the fact that he gave an affirmative answer, would he give the House more detail as to when he will introduce these measures and whether this will be done before the Christmas recess? If not, will it be done definitely before the March 31, 1975 deadline for phasing out the Veterans' Land Act, or is the minister going to extend the Veterans' Land Act?

**Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I do not think there will be time to introduce them before the recess, as suggested. I suggest it will be some time after the House resumes.

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#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

ALLEGATION CLAIMANTS TOLD TO APPLY FOR WELFARE WHILE WAITING FOR DELAYED BENEFIT CHEQUES

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In some of the local unemployment insurance offices claimants are being told by the staff that if their insurance cheques are late they should apply for welfare while they are waiting for their cheques to arrive. Is the minister aware of this and, if so, could he tell this House whether this is government policy?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I was not aware of it, Mr. Speaker.

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#### PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS

INQUIRY AS TO SAFETY OF ELEVATORS

**Mr. J. R. Ellis (Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Public Works a very brief question. In light of the fact that there are 21 passenger elevators in the House of Commons and that every one of them is working under a permit that has been outdated for two or three months, I am wondering whether the elevators are really safe, or if there is something in the House that can elevate safely around here?