

Inquiries of the Ministry

ernment plan to practice what it preaches in respect of pollution by providing Banff and Jasper with sewage treatment and disposal facilities?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I wish to say that I have answered that question on several occasions and that works have been undertaken at those two places, in order to correct that condition.

[*English*]

ORDER OF REFERENCE FOR SPECIAL
COMMITTEE

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): My question is a related one and it is directed to the House Leader. Does the government intend to give some order of reference to the new pollution committee? Will a meeting of that committee be called, or is its establishment simply a political gesture?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

MONTREAL HARBOUR—THREAT CAUSED BY
CYANIDE BARRELS IN WATER

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): I have a supplementary question for the Acting Minister of Fisheries, or for the Prime Minister who has some interest in this matter. How serious is the threat of cyanide pollution in Montreal harbour as a consequence of the accident yesterday when several barrels of cyanide fell into the water?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The Minister of Fisheries and Forestry is today visiting certain areas in respect of mercury pollution. If he is in the area of Montreal I will ask him to look into the other matter.

Mr. Bell: But it is dangerous for Montreal.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): In view of the fact that the Minister of Fisheries is now in Vancouver on a speaking engagement, could someone else be designated to perform that chore?

Mr. Trudeau: I will try to put a Jetstar at his disposal.

[*Mr. Noble.*]

FINANCE

FEDERAL TAXES AND PAYMENTS TO PROVINCES—FAILURE TO ANSWER QUESTION—RELEASE OF INFORMATION RESPECTING QUEBEC

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): I should like to direct this question to the President of the Privy Council, the House Leader. For six weeks my question No. 1,403 on page 102 has been on the Order Paper. I have requested a reply several times but it has not yet been answered. Now I find that the information concerning at least one province has been released in this morning's *Montreal Gazette* by the Liberal party caucus.

If it is possible to compile the information for one province, why is it not possible to compile the information for the rest? Obviously, therefore, the government had the information for which I asked in the public interest and refused it to me while releasing it to non-parliamentary persons for partisan purposes. I bring this matter to the attention of the House Leader again and ask that the members of this House be granted equal and proper treatment.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the bulletin to which the hon. member refers is not a government publication. I understand it is made up from information which is available to anyone on demand or which is in public documents. Therefore, if the hon. member wants to have the research people attached to his party compile the information they can do it quite easily from public documents.

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Annapolis Valley): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the right hon. Prime Minister. Does the Prime Minister think that a provincial election campaign where separatism is one of the main issues is outside his jurisdiction, beyond his influence, or both?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would not think that a question asked in those terms is acceptable. The hon. member is asking an academic question, or is asking it in academic terms, and I would have some doubts whether it would be acceptable procedurally on that basis.

MANPOWER

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON AVAILABILITY OF SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Government House