

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That question is out of order.

UNEMPLOYMENT—USE OF EMPLOYMENT-INFLATION  
TRADE-OFF APPROACH TO ECONOMIC MANAGEMENT

**Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Finance if he can advise the House whether the government has rejected the employment-inflation trade-off approach to economic management?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, that is something I would like to deal with in debate. It is a little hard to deal with in reply to a question at this time.

**Mr. Hellyer:** Can the minister advise the House of the figure he had in mind or that the government had in mind when the Speech from the Throne was written, when they indicated that their third priority was to attain reasonable price stability? In order that we may know what it is, Mr. Speaker, can the minister tell us the figure that the government has in mind with regard to price stability?

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, reasonable price stability means the type of price stability that does not unduly erode incomes, particularly fixed incomes, of Canadians.

**Mr. Hellyer:** Would the minister be good enough to tell us what that figure is?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

UNEMPLOYMENT—WINTER CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND—  
AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATION FORMS TO ONTARIO  
MUNICIPALITIES

**Mr. Norman A. Cafik (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, this is supplementary to the question originally put by the hon. member for York South to the Minister of Finance. Can the minister indicate when the province of Ontario will be in a position to make application forms available to municipalities for loans and grants under the \$350 million provincial-municipal winter capital projects fund?

**Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance):** Almost immediately, Mr. Speaker. Very thorough negotiations have been taking place between the federal government and the province of Ontario, indeed between the federal government and all the provinces, to ensure that the criteria for loans under the fund are uniformly applied all across the country. I expect a reply very shortly to the letter I sent to Mr. MacNaughton of Ontario. It is a matter of imminence.

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Prime Minister. In view of the statement made by Dr. W. R. Diamond, the recently retired assistant deputy minister of the Department of Manpower and Immigration, that job vacancies in Canada are at a minimum, does the government now intend to stop trying to pretend that there are plenty of job vacancies available?

Oral Questions

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member knows that that kind of question is not in order.

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HOUSING

SUGGESTED PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR  
LOW-INCOME HOUSING

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the minister in charge of housing. When he takes part in the throne speech debate—I assume he is going to—can he assure the House he intends to indicate that there will be provision for a significant allocation of funds for average and low-income housing immediately in order to meet the housing need and also to provide jobs?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, there already is a very significant allocation of funds for that purpose, but we will be introducing amendments to the National Housing Act to increase and make the flow of money into low-income housing more readily available to those who want to take advantage of it.

**Mr. Broadbent:** Can the minister assure the House that the amendments he just referred to will be introduced in the early days of this session and, more specifically, within the next ten days?

**Mr. Basford:** Mr. Speaker, I hope to introduce them—and here I may get into trouble—before the federal-provincial conference that I announced yesterday. In any event, they will be introduced during the course of this month.

INQUIRY AS TO LEGISLATION TO AMEND NATIONAL  
HOUSING ACT

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I take it from the minister's answer that nothing will be done, no legislation will be brought in or any plans laid before the House in reference to housing needs and unemployment, until the conclusion of the federal-provincial conference that I understand is to be held on January 20 or 21?

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**Mr. Basford:** Mr. Speaker, there are ongoing programs of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. For example, there is the sewer construction program which is an ongoing program and one on which vast sums of money are being spent. I hope the hon. member does not think that program should be cut back until other funds are available. That program is going forward with as much money as I can get for it from the Treasury Board.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I never suggested that any program be cut back. In the press conference and the Speech from the Throne the question of housing was of top priority with reference to employment and other economic matters affecting the nation. I am asking the minis-