

of reference of the advisory council will be and when the council is expected to hold its first meeting?

Mr. Haidasz: Mr. Speaker, I would rather make a statement on motions later in respect of this question.

An hon. Member: When?

MULTICULTURALISM POLICY—RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Charles E. Haliburton (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and it relates to the same matter. Can he indicate what portion, if any, of the Department of the Secretary of State is answerable directly to the minister responsible for multiculturalism?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the minister is responsible for this area of policy and questions should be addressed to him.

Mr. Haliburton: Can the minister responsible advise the House whether in fact there are plans to transfer the administrative duties of that section of the Department of the Secretary of State to him?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, this is a matter of administration for the government and I do not wish to discuss it in the House.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Yorkton-Melville.

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State—

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair recognizes the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville on a supplementary question. I will then recognize the hon. member for Edmonton Centre.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, my question is not a supplementary. I should like to direct it—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I will recognize the hon. member for Yorkton-Melville and then recognize the hon. member for Edmonton Centre.

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PORTS

CHURCHILL—ACTION TO ACHIEVE GREATER UTILIZATION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. I direct my question to the congenial Minister of Transport. On January 11 he said he would consider the greater utilization of the port of Churchill and would make a decision in a few weeks. Can he tell us now whether he has made a decision in respect of the greater utilization of this port which is so important to the Prairies?

Oral Questions

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, that is something our department is concerned with. We are now completing studies on costs and profits. As soon as these are ready, we shall be able to inform the House of the government's decisions.

[English]

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact we have been getting answers like this for years—

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Nystrom: —can the minister tell us by what date we can expect a final decision on the greater utilization of that port?

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I am not in a position to give the exact date.

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[English]

CANADIAN CULTURE

MULTICULTURALISM—RESEARCH STUDY

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Edmonton Centre.

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Paproski: This is a very simple question for the minister.

An hon. Member: It always is.

Mr. Paproski: I should like to ask the Minister of State in charge of multiculturalism to advise the House to what extent research programs are being undertaken in his department to produce information on language maintenance and cultural development?

Hon. Stanley Haidasz (Minister of State): Mr. Speaker, this study is now being undertaken by a special research team and I hope to have a report within the next few months.

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, we have been waiting for two years now for at least one concrete proposal. When are we going to have it?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Haidasz: Mr. Speaker, I assure the hon. member that a report will be made as soon as I receive my report.

Mr. Paproski: You are beginning to sound like the Prime Minister.