

*Oral Questions*

[Translation]

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

## REQUEST FOR MEASURES OTHER THAN TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR ENTERPRISES

**Mr. Louis Duclos (Montmorency):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Science and Technology.

The budget being totally devoid of measures to increase Canada's effort in research and development, in spite of his party's election campaign promise to give tax breaks of about \$125 million to businesses to encourage them to spend more money on research and development, could the minister tell the House whether the government intends to use other means than tax write-offs for businesses, to promote further research and development in Canada?

**Hon. Heward Graffey (Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Mr. Speaker, I can inform the hon. member that a few weeks ago we voted an increase of \$40 million to universities in support of research and development. It is true that there are no incentives for research and development in the budget. We put down some plans a few weeks ago with respect to incentives for research and development. In the meantime, I can assure the hon. member we are going to act very shortly in the area of research and development with direct help to industry, but not necessarily through tax incentives.

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**FISHERIES**

## INVESTIGATION OF LICENSING POLICY

**Mr. Charles Haliburton (South West Nova):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. The minister has on a number of occasions indicated his desire that hon. members and others should express their views and participate in the making of decisions relevant to fisheries policy, particularly licensing policy.

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In view of the fact that departmental studies are under way or completed, can the minister advise when the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Forestry might be asked to examine the proposals of Messrs. Levelton and Sinclair affecting the licensing on our respective coasts?

**Hon. James A. McGrath (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member has indicated, I have ordered a complete fisheries policy review and I would like very much to include this House in that policy review. To this end I have been endeavouring to have the two reports referred to by the hon. member—the Levelton report on licensing on the east coast, and the Sinclair report on licensing on the west coast—referred to the standing committee where

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they would form a reference so the committee can involve itself directly in this policy review.

Unfortunately, the official opposition has not co-operated with us to that end, in that they have not been able to agree on the order of reference to the committee. I am hoping that they may, perhaps, find it in their hearts during the Christmas season to allow one of our motions under Standing Order 43 to pass so that the committee can get on with its study.

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**INDIAN AFFAIRS**

## FUNDS FOR MANITOBA INDIAN BROTHERHOOD

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In light of the fact that this government owes the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood \$270,000 for third-quarter core funding, and that although the MIB has settled their internal difficulties this government has still refused to give them the money which it owes them, would the minister tell us when he will give the money to this organization, so that it can pay its phone bills and pay the salaries that are owing, before Christmas as well as make sure that this organization can work on behalf of the Indian people of Manitoba?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I want to tell the hon. member for Churchill that the point he makes, that the Government of Canada owes the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood that amount of money, is not correct. I had a meeting with representatives of the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood today, along with my colleague, the Secretary of State. We agreed this morning that tomorrow at nine o'clock, representatives of the MIB and representatives of the two government departments would sit down in Winnipeg to look at the bills that have to be paid immediately, as well as to establish a very clear plan of action in terms of how repayment can be made as well as future operations of the MIB covered. That was agreed to this morning and the plan will go forward.

**Mr. Murphy:** Mr. Speaker, it is the second time in the House that the minister has told me meetings will take place. I hope that these meetings will really take place.

My supplementary question is addressed to the Secretary of State. Since his department owes the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood over \$250,000, and that amount is owing, will the minister confirm that he has refused to pay this money; and will he also confirm that he has ordered his junior minister, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, not to pay the money owed by that department?

**Hon. David MacDonald (Secretary of State and Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, I am not in the habit of ordering anybody, and certainly none of my colleagues. I think the hon. member should understand, as I am sure he is well aware, that there has been a very difficult situation with