

*Oral Questions*

Canada. May I ask the minister whether these applicants have been declared refugees by the United Nations high commissioner for refugees, and can the minister give any indication how many people will be involved under the program that he has announced?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the people in question have not been declared refugees by the United Nations high commissioner for refugees, and indeed we are not declaring them refugees either. Faced with the situation of continuing strife in Lebanon, we have made the decision to proceed to offer them the opportunity to seek landed immigrant status through order in council. To the best of our information there are between 1,000 and 1,100 such Lebanese individuals here in Canada now, and of course this will apply to those who have been in Canada as of, I believe, last Monday.

SECURITY CHECKS ON LEBANESE ENTERING CANADA—  
POSSIBLE USE OF POINTS SYSTEM TO DETERMINE  
ELIGIBILITY

**Mr. Jake Epp (Provencher):** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I should like to ask the minister whether these applicants will have to qualify under Canada's immigration points system, but more importantly are proper security checks being completed at the present time in order to avoid the unfortunate situation that reflected negatively on the Vietnamese resettlement program, which was something that placed in jeopardy the whole question of Canada being a receiving country for international refugees?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, as I have indicated, the applicants would be subject to the normal background and medical checks. As to the criteria by which they will be judged, these will not be exactly in accordance with the points system. The other requirement is some assessment that they will be able to adapt successfully to Canadian life, hopefully with the assistance of the Lebanese community.

With regard to the other part of the hon. member's comment contained in his question, I think there were only one or two incidents that occurred in the Vietnamese movement or any other refugee movement. I would defy anybody, faced with the emergency measures demanded by the sad state of affairs that cause refugees to apply for special consideration, to avoid an issue such as that, but I do not think that it should be over-emphasized.

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**ANTI-INFLATION BOARD**

REQUEST FOR REPORT ON WHICH BOARD BASED DECISION TO  
ROLL BACK SALARIES OF REHABILITATION WORKERS IN NEW  
BRUNSWICK

**Mr. Mike Landers (Saint John-Lancaster):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. In view of the recent rollback of the salaries of the pharmacy, physical and mental rehabilitation unit employees who fall

[Mr. Epp.]

under part III of the New Brunswick labour relations act, would it be possible to obtain a copy of the case worker's report on which the Anti-Inflation Board based its rollback decision, and if not, why not, keeping in mind that allegations of inaccuracy have been forthcoming?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I have pursued with the Anti-Inflation Board the questions posed to me by the hon. member in this regard, and I am advised by the board that due to the provisions of section 14(1) of the Anti-Inflation Act the documents would not be available because they are confidential. I therefore regret that the answer would have to be in the negative.

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[Translation]

**HOUSING**

INQUIRY IF DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DESIGNATION OF  
ELIGIBLE ZONES FOR REHABILITATION OF RURAL HOUSING

**Mr. Gilbert Rondeau (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to put a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

We know that the minister consults the provinces to set up the designated zones eligible for the RRAP program. Can the minister tell the House whether his department is responsible for the designation of those zones and on which criteria his department relies to determine if a municipal area may be eligible for this program?

[English]

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I gather the hon. member is referring to the rehabilitation program which replaced the urban renewal program. The first criterion is that the residential rehabilitation and assistance program applies with priority to those areas previously urban renewal areas but which are no longer so designated, having been replaced by this more effective approach. The second priority would be neighbourhood improvement areas and the basic criterion is that area which is most in need, which has the lowest income and lowest standard of housing which has to be revitalized. The province usually selects the areas; final selection is subject to CMHC approval. There is a somewhat different and special situation in the city of Montreal where a special arrangement has been made in two areas in the east part of the city; but other than that there are 12 such designated areas throughout the province of Quebec.

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**EDUCATION**

INQUIRY AS TO ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO CONFERENCE  
BY PROVINCIAL MINISTERS

**Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Have the provincial ministers of education accepted an invitation to meet with the minister on July 7, and have they asked him to clarify exactly what it is he wants to talk to them about?