

It would be very nice if the Senate would pass the bill which it is holding up so it would be much easier for more Canadians to get further training, and it would be better for the smooth running of that program.

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EMPLOYMENT

Mr. David Berger (Saint-Henri—Westmount): Madam Speaker, my question is addressed to whoever is answering for the Minister of Justice.

On May 10, the principal of McGill University wrote to the Minister of Employment and Immigration to express his deep concern regarding the major reduction in funding for the Challenge '90 program. Last summer, 95 positions for students at McGill were funded. This summer, only 63 positions will be funded.

Will the minister restore funds to McGill and to other universities across Canada which have seen similar cuts in their funding and which mean far fewer opportunities for students this summer?

Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, the hon. member is well aware that the total funds for the Challenge '90 program have been increased from \$198 million to \$218 million. That is the first point.

The second point is that we have re-allocated within the total component of the Challenge program a certain amount from the SEED component to a Stay-in-School initiative to help high school students and to prevent drop-outs. Surely, these students are the most at risk in our society, and surely the hon. member would not be against that, would he?

Mr. David Berger (Saint-Henri—Westmount): Madam Speaker, I would ask the hon. minister to meet with the principal of McGill, with the faculty and students who were counting on this funding and who do not agree with his assessment of the situation. Perhaps he can explain to them how less means more.

Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Madam Speaker, I repeat that we have increased the amount for Challenge. The hon. member

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says we have decreased it. That is false. It has been increased from \$198 million to \$218 million.

If the hon. member wants to set up a meeting with Mr. Johnston of McGill University, I would be very pleased to accept, at his invitation, any time.

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SEX OFFENDERS

Mr. John Brewin (Victoria): Madam Speaker, I am glad of the opportunity of asking questions so that the Solicitor General will be able to acknowledge his presence here today.

Mr. Dick: Less than 10 per cent of the NDP is in the House.

Mr. Brewin: Thank you for your intervention.

My question is addressed to the ever present Solicitor General. The Solicitor General and the House will be aware of the increased renewed public concern with the complete failure of the administration of justice to deal with the problems of sex offenders in our society arising out of the Timothy Garland case. While it is acknowledged that this case does not directly come within federal jurisdiction, it does give me the opportunity to raise with the minister the report on the management and treatment of sex offenders which his department and he made public on March 8.

Can the minister tell the House what steps, if any, he is taking to implement the recommendations of a report about which, frankly, all we have heard so far is deafening silence?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Solicitor General of Canada): Madam Speaker, I appreciate the concern of my colleague to underline my presence in the House. I am usually around, as he knows.

Perhaps some of the functions of the Solicitor General require a low profile, but I will try to enhance my presence or be more vocal in the House, so that even my own colleagues know that I am around.

With respect to the very important issue which my hon. friend raises, and it is an important issue, my hon. friend knows that on March 8, 1990, I did release the report on the management and treatment of sex offenders. I indicated at that time that it would be part of the broader task force on mental health.