

Mr. Rodriguez: Does the Minister deny that he personally intervened to ensure that Tory hacks who failed were hired, in spite of the fact that they had not passed the competition for census commissioners?

Mr. Nystrom: Yes or no?

Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Supply and Services): No.

Mr. Nystrom: Therefore, he confirmed it.

FUNDING TO HIRE YOUNG PEOPLE AS CENSUS TAKERS

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, could the Minister tell the House what the relationship is between the \$30 million of youth employment funds to hire census takers, and the Minister of Youth's letter to recruit young people for the Tory Party with federal money? What is the connection? Come clean.

Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Supply and Services): I do not know about being clean, Mr. Speaker, but the facts are that 25,000 youth are going to be involved in the census, and anyone who wants to get a job should go down to an unemployment insurance centre—

Ms. Copps: PC Party headquarters.

Mr. McInnes:—and their eligibility will be determined.

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YOUTH

MINISTER'S LETTER—REFERENCE TO YOUTH-RELATED SPENDING

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister of Youth. She has apologized for part of the letter but the Deputy Prime Minister has defended the rest of it. Let me ask the Minister about the rest of the letter. Was she being truthful with her colleagues when she told them that there had been a diminution of \$100 million in youth-related spending since the election? Is that an accurate statement as far as she is concerned?

Hon. Andrée Champagne (Minister of State (Youth)): Mr. Speaker, there were some funds—there were some programs, as you know, Mr. Speaker, which were about to be moved from other places and I wanted to make sure—and this was my job—that there would be money available for young people in the Main Estimates as produced by my colleague.

Mr. Kaplan: We gather those efforts were unsuccessful. They were made, but they were unsuccessful.

MINISTER'S REFERENCE TO SPENDING LEVEL

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Let me come back to the question. Was the Minister really telling her colleagues, and

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was it a fact, that since the last election, as she put it, youth-related spending has been reduced by the Government by \$100 million?

Hon. Andrée Champagne (Minister of State (Youth)): Mr. Speaker, the fact is that later we can see that in the Budget funds have been added for the youth of Canada—

Ms. Copps: Left-overs for youth.

Mrs. Champagne:—and we now have the total, which I have given before, for programs directed to for youth—

Mr. McCurdy: Eleven billion dollars.

Mrs. Champagne:—or which primarily designate youth as a target. There are programs accessible to students—

Ms. Copps: P.C. youth.

Mrs. Champagne:—provincial transfers of interest to youth, and other programs for which youth qualify. The total is the number which I have given before.

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INVESTMENT CANADA

ATTEMPTED PURCHASE OF GLC PUBLISHING COMPANY

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for Investment Canada. Even though Gulf and Western face deep opposition to its takeover of Prentice Hall, the United States giant has forged on and is buying out another Canadian subsidiary, GLC Publishing in Agincourt. Will the Minister immediately tell this U.S. conglomerate that there can be no exceptions for it in this latest case, and that the rules against foreign control in publishing will be completely enforced?

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member and other Hon. Members of the House will be pleased to know that that word has already been conveyed to Gulf and Western.

PRENTICE-HALL TAKEOVER

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex-Windsor): Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the Minister has taken this position with respect to GLC, will he also take a similarly tough position with respect to Prentice-Hall, Ginn Brothers Ltd., and with respect to this attempt by Gulf and Western to build an empire for text books in our country?

Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I do not think it is a question of taking a tough position or not taking it. The fact is that Gulf and Western is well aware of the July policy which was enunciated by my colleague, the Minister of Communications. It is well aware that any purchase which is made now must abide by that policy. As far as transactions are concerned prior