

*Inquiries of the Ministry***HOUSING****URBAN RENEWAL GUIDELINES—DEPENDENCE
ON URBAN AFFAIRS POLICY**

specific restraint suggested by the Prices and Incomes Commission?

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, as has been explained in the House almost every day, the Prices and Incomes Commission has been endeavouring to work out an acceptable formula of restraint. Until this has been negotiated and accepted they are not in a position to spell out specific terms of restraint.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary arising out of the assurance of the Prime Minister the other day that the Prices and Incomes Commission was suggesting specific restraints with regard to prices of 5 per cent and 2½ per cent. Have these increases to which the minister referred violated the specific restraints suggested in this way?

Mr. Basford: Mr. Speaker, what the commission has been suggesting to business, trade unions and government, is various possible alternatives which would be acceptable at all levels. In the course of endeavouring to negotiate an acceptable package they have made several suggestions.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. There are three or four or five members rising for the purpose of asking supplementary questions on a subject on which hon. members have been asking questions for some 15 minutes. There are a number of other hon. members who have been waiting anxiously for an opportunity to get the floor. I think perhaps at this point we might give this opportunity to the hon. member for Moncton.

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**NEW BRUNSWICK—EFFECT OF LAY-OFFS AND
CURTAILMENTS**

Mr. Charles H. Thomas (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport. In view of recent announcements of curtailed services and substantial lay-offs by the C.N.R. in New Brunswick, will the minister assure the House that any decisions taken in transportation policy will not undermine the efforts of his colleague, the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, to maintain full employment in that area?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): I will do my very best, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): My question is for the right hon. Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the Minister without Portfolio in charge of housing is so slow in coming out with guidelines for urban renewal, can the Prime Minister state whether one of the reasons for this slowness is that the government wants to announce at the same time its general policy with respect to urban affairs?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**STATUS OF LAC LA BICHE NEW START
PROGRAM**

Mr. Paul Yewchuk (Athabasca): A question for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that in recent days approximately 20 staff members have been laid off from the Alberta New Start Incorporated School in my home town of Lac la Biche, does this indicate that the minister now feels the project has served its purpose?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Certainly not, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

**STATUS OF NOVA SCOTIA NEW START
PROGRAM**

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the fact that the Nova Scotia new start program is about to end its mandate soon, could the minister make a statement in the House on whether this program will be extended or abandoned?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, it is a known fact that those are experimental programs, and as soon as the experience is completed, we will have to decide whether they are to be extended, increased, broadened or abolished.