

*Oral Questions*

language commissioner, and whether he intends to take any steps to implement these suggestions which are in line with the government's program on multiculturalism?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have had a chance to briefly review the letter, which I believe was from the deputy commissioner. I want to make sure we are talking about the same letter. However, I have not decided on what steps I will take beyond that.

[Translation]

ARRANGEMENTS RESPECTING CONTINUATION OF  
MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

**Mr. Joseph-Philippe Guay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a supplementary question.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for St. Boniface on a supplementary question.

**Mr. Guay (St. Boniface):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a question to the Secretary of State.

I would like to ask him if he can tell whether the manager of CKSB, Mr. Couture, has informed him that he had reached agreements with other radio stations of the Metropolitan Winnipeg area to provide the same service to all ethnic groups referred to, namely Jews, Ukrainians and others? Has that service already been offered to the groups concerned?

[English]

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. Again I am not sure of the latest details, but in fact that type of negotiation has been going on and, as the House knows, the corporation itself has agreed to continue third language broadcasting over station CKSB for a period following the takeover of the station to allow for these negotiations to be completed.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. We will have to try to move on. However, the Chair will recognize the hon. member for Winnipeg North on a last supplementary and then recognize the hon. member for Champlain.

POSITION OF CORPORATION ON MULTICULTURAL  
PROGRAMS—POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO BROADCASTING  
ACT

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, is the minister aware that the CBC has insisted it cannot provide the broadcasting time for programming in languages other than English and French because of its interpretation of the Broadcasting Act but the CBC is in fact, on its stations at Yellowknife, Inuvik, Churchill and Frobisher Bay, now carrying broadcasts in various Indian and Eskimo dialects? If this is so, why is there this contradiction?

**Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State):** Well, Mr. Speaker, we have discussed this matter of third language broadcasting at some length in the committee. We are aware of what appears to be a contradiction, namely,

[Mr. Orlikow.]

that in the Northwest Territories there are third language broadcasts taking place. As the hon. member knows, CBC affiliates are allowed to broadcast third-language programs as of course are private stations. It seems to me if there is to be a change in this basic policy then it is something the House must direct itself to in terms of the Broadcasting Act itself.

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[Translation]

FINANCE

INQUIRY RESPECTING REQUEST BY PROVINCE FOR  
TRANSFER OF INCOME TAX PAID BY BELL CANADA TO  
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**Mr. René Matte (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, I want to ask a question to the right hon. Prime Minister.

Could he tell whether the government of Quebec has submitted a formal request for the transfer to the provinces concerned of the tax amounts paid to the federal government by Bell Canada?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** No, Mr. Speaker, not to my knowledge. The Minister of Communications also tells me that as far as he knows such a demand has not been made.

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[English]

FOOD PRICES REVIEW BOARD

ALLEGED INABILITY TO INVESTIGATE FARM COSTS—  
GOVERNMENT POSITION ON ADEQUACY OF TERMS OF  
REFERENCE

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In light of the fact that last Friday, in the absence of the minister, I believe the acting Prime Minister rejected the suggestion of the hon. member for Regina East that the Food Prices Review Board investigate farm input costs and, as a high priority, the escalating farm machinery costs, would the minister now tell the House whether it is the position of the government that it would be outside the terms of reference of the board to investigate these increasing farm production costs? If that is so, would the minister tell the House how the board will be able to decide what are justified food costs increases and what can be done without reviewing farm input costs?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the terms of reference of the board are a matter of public record; certainly as of yesterday. It is my own view that in looking into food price increases the terms of reference are broad enough to enable the board to examine any of the relevant factors, but the interpretation of the terms of reference in the final course of events I believe would be for the board itself.