

million when we now learn that the cost has soared, in just a year's time, to \$17.5 million?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, in terms of the relationships in that part of the world, I would like to inform the Hon. Member that when I was in Brussels last week I had lunch with the Minister of Defence for Turkey and the permanent representative of Greece. The three of us discussed this question. I can assure the Hon. Member that none of the tensions about which he is talking exist in regard to what Canada is attempting to do.

In terms of how much it will cost, my predecessor, the former Minister of National Defence, when answering that question was giving the dollars involved in terms of the cost of inspection for the first 20 aircraft. As the Hon. Member should know, that is required after 200 hours of flight time. The remaining aircraft, their transference and all the support account for the difference of an additional approximately \$11 million.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

PARTICIPATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN FRANCOPHONIE SUMMIT—NOTIFICATION OF CANADIANS

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Saint-Maurice): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. Yesterday, Premier Johnson of Quebec stated that he had not been told on November 6 that New Brunswick would be taking part in the Francophonie Summit, and today the Prime Minister stated he had duly informed him of the fact.

Could the Prime Minister inform the House why he kept the people of Canada and Quebec in the dark between November 8 and the provincial election?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, just to show how the Hon. Member for Saint-Maurice insists on short changing the Members of this House by refusing to examine important issues and by failing to consult, before he rose in the House, the transcript of a press conference held on November 8, 1985, here in Ottawa, where, in answer to a question from a reporter, referring to the fact that earlier that day or the day before I had announced that Quebec would be taking part in the International Francophonie Summit, I said the following: I can say that discussions are under way with the Government of New Brunswick for the purpose of concluding an agreement that will ensure its participation in the summit. That is crystal clear, and the Government's intentions were clearly established and announced, contrary to what the Hon. Member just said.

Oral Questions

PARTICIPATION OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN FRANCOPHONIE SUMMIT—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Saint-Maurice): Mr. Speaker, could the Prime Minister state before this House whether he did or did not clearly inform Premier Johnson of New Brunswick's eventual participation in the summit? And if he did, which means he had already decided that New Brunswick would be at the summit, why did he not announce that fact at the same time as Quebec's participation, instead of trying to help Premier Johnson win an election he ultimately lost?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member would spend more time here instead of selling his book across the country, he would be better informed on the issues of the day.

In fact, I said this: I am very surprised because the federal Government's firm intention of also authorizing New Brunswick's participation was clearly expressed in the normal course of negotiations leading up to the Ottawa-Quebec agreement. At all times and in all circumstances, the federal Government's intention has been clear. To us, there are only first-class francophones, not first- and second-class francophones. There are only first-class francophones in Canada and they are all going to be represented.

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ENERGY

SASKATCHEWAN HEAVY OIL UPGRADER PROJECT—PROVISION OF LOAN GUARANTEES

Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, my question on the Husky Oil upgrader in northwestern Saskatchewan is directed to the Minister of Finance. While the Government has enacted some historic energy proposals, it is understandable that the Minister is now reviewing carefully the loan guarantees made by the previous Government with respect to this proposal. Will the Minister tell the House if the Government will undertake loan guarantees for this vitally needed energy development?

Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, in reply to the Hon. Member I can assure him that there are very careful studies going on at the present time with respect to the Husky upgrader with the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, and their officials. They are assessing a review which has taken place on the financial capabilities of this project and will be reporting in due course.

Mr. Gormley: Supplementary.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Vancouver East.