

Oral Questions

programs, something Quebec and a number of other provinces consistently refuse to do.

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I can give the Hon. Member the assurance that the practice he is recommending is exactly the one which we have followed for some time and which we will continue to follow. That is a practice which I had fully explained at the Federal-Provincial Conference of First Ministers last year, and I can tell the Canadian taxpayers that they have a right to know where their tax dollars go, and that if the various provinces, especially the province the Hon. Member has just mentioned refuse to identify for the benefit of Canadian taxpayers the federal contributions to federal-provincial projects, we will find a way to spend these funds without their co-operation.

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[English]

EDUCATION**EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT RESTRAINT GUIDELINES ON ACCESSIBILITY TO UNIVERSITIES**

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. He will be aware that last summer his predecessor made a commitment to the Canadian Federation of Students to introduce a \$250 million federal bursary program as additional aid to post-secondary students in Canada. On Friday the Secretary of State changed that promise. He offered merely to guarantee \$60 million of additional bank loans to Canadian students.

Since the Government will stand to save some \$350 million by putting the EPF transfers under the six and five program and, as was mentioned in the House yesterday and today, graduates face record levels of unemployment, how can the Minister claim to be encouraging greater accessibility to Canadian universities and community colleges?

[Translation]

Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State): Madam Speaker, in the last few months, I have had many contacts with the provincial Ministers of Education, and at our meeting of January 23 in Victoria, we agreed on a formula for supplementary assistance to students, which seemed to us mutually acceptable in the present budgetary circumstances. On February 8, the Ontario Minister of Education sent me a letter in which she confirmed provincial acceptance of last January proposals. It is true that this matter was negotiated, discussed and examined by representatives of the provinces and the Canadian Government for a few months, but within the present budget, the support provided by the Canadian Government will be amply sufficient to meet whatever additional requirements have come to light during the last year.

[English]

Mr. McLean: Madam Speaker, the Secretary of State responds to the dialogue with the Provinces but ignores the

dialogue with the students of Canada and the promises and commitments that were made to them.

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDING LEGISLATION

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister. Since so many students do not have any hope of employment and since an announcement has been made without any definition of how that fund, limited as it is, and acceptable to the Provinces as the limited amount might be, will be applied, when will the Minister give us a definition? When will the amendments be tabled in the House so that student aid award officers and students planning their future with this meagre amount of money can get on with it?

[Translation]

Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State): Madam Speaker, I would like to point out to the Hon. Member that he is forgetting the additional amounts which were announced by my colleague, the Minister of Employment and Immigration, only 15 days ago and which will increase the aid to student employment next summer from \$100 million to \$170 million. More-over last year, this House was asked to approve supplementary estimates of \$30 million in addition to the \$120 million already provided in the estimates and that we have just proposed a further increase of \$60 million dollars over a period of two years. Consequently, I do not believe that the Government has failed in its obligation to meet students' requirements. On the other hand, the Hon. Member has alleged that I have not heeded the students' requests. However, I have met with them a few times in the last few months to inform them about my discussions and negotiations with the provinces and they have never been left in the dark.

Finally, with regards to the particular conditions which will apply to these \$60 million, I am having discussions with my colleague, the Government House Leader, to have the details of these amendments tabled at the first opportunity so that the House may debate them and these measures can become effective at the beginning of the next term this September.

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[English]

AIRPORTS**MIRABEL—REDISTRIBUTION OF EXPROPRIATED FAMILY FARMS**

Mr. Scott Fennell (Ontario): Madam Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Public Works I should like to address my question to the Minister of Communications because he has a great deal of knowledge about the subject. Part of his riding is known as Mirabel. In that riding there has already been a thousand subdivisions of family farms that have been split into either two or three units. This has been done by Mr. Goyer's Canada Lands Corporation. I wonder if the Minister of Communications could request the Minister of