

[Translation]

SHIPYARDS**GOVERNMENT POSITION**

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. Since the Throne Speech does not suggest any strategy for regional economic development, will the Minister indicate a definite commitment to maintain in operation the three Quebec shipyards, without redirecting them towards other production areas?

Hon. Michel Côté (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Canada Post): Mr. Speaker, it is clear that the shipbuilding industry in Canada is presently experiencing difficulties, as is the case in several of our trading partners. The Government is very concerned about this situation. Of course, we are closely following the negotiations and discussions, but we think that a restructuring is necessary and should come from the industry itself. We are therefore open to all recommendations or proposals.

REQUEST FOR PUBLICATION OF FINAL REPORT OF CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON FUTURE OF MONTREAL

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Concerning the economic development of Montreal East, will the Minister do its utmost to make public the final report of the advisory committee on the future of Montreal?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, as soon as the report of the advisory committee on the economic development of Montreal is made available to the cabinet committee, it will be made public.

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AGRICULTURE**ASSISTANCE FOR GRAIN PRODUCERS**

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. It arises from the answers given by the Minister of State for Finance, who said there would be just an allocation of existing programs to western grain producers, and the Minister of State for the Wheat Board who said it would be done within the existing framework. How can the Prime Minister insist that there will be new money if the existing framework will be maintained? He knows that, if there is new money, that framework must be rearranged. He is in direct contradiction to the Minister of State for Finance and the Minister of State in charge of the Wheat Board.

Oral Questions

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I do not think my right hon. friend listened to the answer. The response that I gave was that the farmers were suffering and, indeed, the money that would go to the farmers would be new money in their pockets. What we are concerned about here—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mulroney: There are smiles on the other side but this concerns putting money in the hands of the farmers who are hurting. We will devise a program that will put more money into the pockets of Canadian farmers. That is what it is all about.

SOURCE OF FUNDING

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, I want to direct a question to the Prime Minister on the same subject. He has now said that the farmers will get new money in their pockets from the federal Government. Will he assure us that this will not be as a result of directing money that was already scheduled for other farming programs? Is it a reallocation from other agricultural programs, or is it entirely new money going from the federal Government into the pockets of grain producers so that they will not pay for this in some other way? Is it new money for the farmers, not taken from other agricultural programs? Will he tell us when they will get the cheques?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is not a reallocation of existing agricultural programs. When a farmer gets a cheque that he did not have before the farmer will say "That is new money".

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PUBLIC SERVICE**HIRING OF POLICY ADVISER TO CABINET**

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister and it deals with Dalton Camp, a long-time Tory pundit, who now is a policy adviser to the Cabinet. Will the Prime Minister give us the undertaking that he will table in the House the job description under which Mr. Camp was hired? Second, does he not believe that by naming Mr. Camp he has indeed made a very partisan nomination and—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I would ask the Hon. Member to ask the question, as he has, or even ask the second part of the question. But I would ask the Hon. Member not to get into an argumentative exchange.

Mr. Gauthier: The question is simple.