

opportunity to outline very briefly the government's contingency plans about which he has been telling us for a year? I am sure the House would even be agreeable to reverting to motions so that he could outline them in detail.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member appreciates, I am sure, that the question is in order only to the extent that he is asking the Prime Minister whether he will make a statement on motions.

**Mr. Trudeau:** The hon. member was obviously unable to understand my previous answer, so I do not think we would be able to understand the complex answer to the question he is asking.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** I agree with the Prime Minister. I cannot understand him and the Canadian people cannot understand him—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Lundrigan:**—especially people on fixed incomes. Would he take this opportunity to express to the 22 million Canadians, excepting myself, the contingency plans the government has to deal with the rise in the cost of living which is making it difficult for many people, even people above fixed incomes, to survive, especially in view of the high food costs?

• (1140)

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member for Gander-Twillingate has repeated the question that he asked in the first instance. Perhaps he was not satisfied with the reply but it was the same question.

**Mr. Lundrigan:** Certainly I am not satisfied with the information we have been getting. Apparently the Prime Minister did not understand my question. For over a year the government has been saying that it has a contingency plan. How high must prices rise before the government tells the Canadian people exactly what its plan is?

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## MANPOWER

### REFUSAL OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS TO PERSONS TAKING COURSES

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. Is it the policy of the government to refuse unemployment insurance to people who are taking manpower courses, giving as a reason that because they are taking the courses they are not available for work?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Generally speaking, Mr. Speaker, that is correct.

**Mrs. MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** When was this new policy adopted?

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## Oral Questions

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. That question is hardly in order.

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## FOOD PRICES

### AVAILABILITY TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF STUDIES AND REPORTS BY PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION

**Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact the government places so much emphasis on the Special Committee on Food Prices, and in view of the alarming 10 per cent increase in the cost of food, is the Prime Minister now prepared to reconsider the government's position and make available all the papers and complete findings of the Prices and Incomes Commission to the special committee?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, if I may attempt to answer that question, as I already did in the House earlier, I think I explained to the Leader of the Opposition that some of this material had already been published and other material will be published. I will be advising the committee of this information when I appear before it on Tuesday.

**Mr. McGrath:** In view of the fact the committee has an order from the House to report in two months, and in view of the number of witnesses who have already asked for permission to appear before the committee, is the minister prepared to have all the papers and all the findings of the Prices and Incomes Commission made available to the committee immediately?

**Mr. Gray:** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry the hon. member feels so pressed, but I would remind him that he wanted the whole committee to be wound up permanently in three months.

[Later:]

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs with regard to what he proposes to do before the Special Committee on Food Prices on Tuesday. Does he intend to turn over to the committee the actual work of the former commission under the direction of Dr. Young? Does he intend to turn over the papers, the information and the recommendations, or does he simply intend to give his version, his interpretation, his summary of these findings?

**Mr. Gray:** Mr. Speaker, I intend to make available to the committee first of all the reports that have already been published.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Stanfield:** We have seen those.

**Mr. Gray:** Second, I intend to advise the committee of the reports which the commission had arranged to have