

*Oral Questions*

in Laos, and about Canada's present and future involvement on those commissions?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I might attempt a brief answer, and if it is not satisfactory I might make a statement later. The position in Laos is that Canada is one of the signatories to the agreement under which the International Control Commission is operating in that country and therefore we have obligations, unlike the situation in Viet Nam. The International Control Commission in Cambodia has been adjourned *sine die* and I see no prospect of it being revived.

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## POST OFFICE

## ALLEGED DELAY IN DELIVERY OF FIRST CLASS MAIL

**Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Postmaster General which refers to one I asked on May 7 regarding the slowness of mail, to which I did not receive an adequate answer since specifics were required. Does the Postmaster General consider a complaint received by him from Rosedale Presbyterian Church in Toronto, stating that a letter posted at noon on April 26 in Toronto was not delivered in Toronto until Monday morning, April 30, and the fact that a letter addressed to the Prime Minister from the manager of the Red Deer exhibition and mailed in Red Deer on May 11—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I suggest that this question should be put on the order paper or considered at the time of adjournment.

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## STATUS OF WOMEN

## INQUIRY AS TO APPOINTMENT OF WOMEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

**Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Labour. When will he appoint the women's advisory council which he promised early in March would be appointed in six weeks, and what accounts for the inordinate delay in such appointment?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I hope to be in the touch with the House and the hon. member on that matter very shortly, indeed.

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## HEALTH

## REQUEST FOR GRANTS TO FAMILY PLANNING GROUPS TO REDUCE NUMBER OF ABORTIONS

**Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare and arises from a question that was asked by

[Mr. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich).]

the hon. member in front of me, and also from the concern expressed by the Minister of Justice about the number of abortions that are taking place in this country, a concern not shared by the rest of the Canadian people. Would the Minister of National Health and Welfare give consideration to additional grants for family planning purposes so there may be some approach to reducing the number of abortions in a rational way and an appropriate education program developed across the country?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member takes the trouble of referring to my departmental estimates he will find out that large amounts have been allotted for that purpose.

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[English]

## MANPOWER

## LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ALLEGED LACK OF PROJECT RECORDS FOR AUDIT PURPOSES

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the minister responsible for manpower regarding the policy of extending LIP. In light of the fact that the Audit Service Bureau, as a result of the lack of records by many LIP projects, has on several occasions either declined an opinion or at best has only given a qualified or negative opinion, is the minister aware of this, have there been any recommendations made to his department and has he followed them through in respect of this entire program?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge we are following through on the recommendations when we have examined them, checked into them, looked into them and agreed with them.

## LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—NUMBER OF PROJECTS EXTENDED—REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE ALL PROJECTS KEEP RECORDS FOR AUDIT PURPOSES

**Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West):** In light of the fact the minister is on the verge, I would hope, of giving some indication as to the number of projects that have been extended—I would hope he is in a position to tell us how many projects have been extended under this new policy—can he assure the House that all the projects being extended have had a favourable auditor's report upon which the minister can act? In other words, can he assure the House that all Local Initiative Programs that have been extended have been the subject of a complete and full auditor's report that has been favourable?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I will take the question in its detail as notice.