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number of jobs will be sustained during the next time period of the manufacturing industry's operations, and whether it will be more than one year?

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, the figure of 37,000 stands for the number of jobs which will be created if all the applications approved effectively result in implementation of projects covered by those applications.

[English]

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): A further supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I have to remind hon. members of the suggestion I made to them yesterday that we should try to limit supplementaries if we are to have as many questioners as possible during the question period. The hon. member for Egmont.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, since it is always difficult to know from these releases by the minister whether we are talking about jobs which have been created or which will be created, will he be in a position, perhaps at the first of the week, to indicate the exact number of jobs that have been created and those that he expects to be created within a reasonable period of time?

[Translation]

**Mr. Marchand (Langelier):** I shall see, Mr. Speaker, whether this can be calculated. If it is possible, I shall gladly do so.

[English]

[Later:]

Mr. R. Gordon L. Fairweather (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, this question follows earlier questions directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In light of the government's understandable delicacy about burdening us with statistics, would the minister be prepared to table the figures on unemployment goals and what the minister projects those to be for this winter and next year? This will be very helpful to us when we consider his departmental estimates and other aspects of government policy.

[Later:]

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, I do not know if these are figures on unemployment in Canada or only in regions that—

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): This is not the same thing.

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): This is not the same thing indeed, as indicated by the hon. member for Edmonton West. This is therefore in designated areas.

## **EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

EXPULSION OF TAIWAN FROM UNITED NATIONS— CONTINUATION OF COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BY CANADA

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

Now that Communist China has been admitted to the United Nations and that the Taiwan government has been expelled, does the government intend to maintain its trade relations with Taiwan and to have a permanent attaché there? Will Canada still keep certain relations with the Taiwan government?

[English]

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, when we established diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China we could not, of course, maintain relations with the government that claimed to have authority over the same area, namely, the Republic of China government which happens to be located at the moment in Taiwan. We did make it clear to the representatives of the People's Republic of China that we would, however, continue to trade with the people of Taiwan; but since we do not recognize another government of China we cannot have any formal relations with the Republic of China government.

• (11:30 a.m.)

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette: I have a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Since the Canadian government has extended considerable assistance to certain industries in Taiwan, will it continue to do so in view of the fact that they were made financially possible owing to the Canadian government?

[English]

Mr. Sharp: Mr. Speaker, I am unaware of the sort of assistance to which the hon. gentleman is referring.

## INDIAN AFFAIRS

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN NORTHEASTERN ALBERTA—SIT-IN AT EDMONTON REGIONAL OFFICE

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It arises out of the difficulties emanating from the Keeheewin Indian reservation in northeastern Alberta where there was a sit-in yesterday by a number of Indians at the department's regional head-quarters. Will the minister advise the House in view of what Chief Goodchild, I believe that is his name, the leader of the Indians, said, to the effect that all employees, both Indian and white, of the regional office were on the side of the Indians, where the block or difference of opinion is between the Indians and the department, and is it true that the local officials are on the side of the Indians?