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are proceeding on time. If the hon, member wants to know about the F-18 program, the frigates program or the small arms replacement program, all these programs are on time and will be completed.

### FRIGATE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the same minister. If there is not a shortage of \$3 billion, the minister is putting out very misleading graphs. May I ask him about the frigates which have not received cabinet approval at the present time for anything beyond the \$63 million contract definition phase? Would the minister explain how that program is to go ahead as scheduled when his expected cash flow is being so severely restricted?

Hon. J. Gilles Lamontagne (Minister of National Defence): Madam Speaker, I do not know whether the hon. member for Victoria also wants to confuse this House. He knows very well that the CPF program put forward was well protected according to the forthcoming budget, and there has been no change in the way we will carry it out. Obviously, the two contractors will make their submissions in October, and we will not evaluate them until March or April, 1983. Then, according to my knowledge, everything should go according to plan in relation to the six new frigates. A decision will probably be taken in due time to have the funds available for this program.

# REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

DESIGNATION OF ONTARIO REGIONS

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the minister responsible for regional and industrial expansion. The minister is well aware of the fact that the country's current economic mess is having a disruptive and damaging effect on the economies of a number of Canadian provinces, including Ontario, which has gone from being a "have" province to a "have-not" province. The minister has promised that his department, having concluded a review of the guidelines and designated boundaries now in place, will announce the extension of both, to permit and encourage the creation of new industries and businesses and the expansion of existing ones. Will the minister inform the House when this announcement will be made and what new areas, particularly in Ontario, will be so designated?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I do not accept everything in the premise to my hon. friend's question. I can tell him that the review to which he has referred has not been completed, nor have the necessary conclusions on that review been reached. But as soon

as that point is achieved, I will be happy to make an announcement.

#### REQUEST FOR EXPANSION OF GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is also directed to the same minister. Would the minister not agree that the expansion of the grant program in Ontario would stimulate the economy of the province, creating new jobs, and would not in any way contribute to the very serious problem of inflation?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I hope that the hon. member for York-Peel and his colleagues will appreciate the hon. member's representation for greater government expenditure. I will certainly give it every consideration.

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

PUBLICITY ISSUED BY MONTREAL FESTIVAL

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Public Works. As the minister knows, yesterday the Festival du Vieux Port de Montreal started its summer program. Would the minister explain how this federal program, under his department, operating in Montreal where one quarter of the population is English-speaking, is able to flaunt the Official Languages Act and the language provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms by publishing all of its publicity materials in French, including a half-page ad in French in the English-speaking Montreal Gazette? Why is this federal program not carried on bilingually, and what will the minister do to see that it is so carried on?

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Paul J. Cosgrove (Minister of Public Works): Madam Speaker, I thank the hon. member for bringing this matter to my attention shortly before question period today. I report to him and to hon. members of the House that the Corporation of the Vieux Port in Montreal was established with local representation as an agency of the federal government, rather than on-line responsibility, in order to attempt to be sensitive to local community conditions and aspirations. I have not had time to investigate, but if the situation as relayed to me by the hon. member is accurate, then, in my opinion, the corporation has been most insensitive in that particular advertisement. When I do have an opportunity to investigate the facts, I certainly intend to bring to the corporation's attention not only sensitivity, but also the programs and policy of the government which have been supported by all parties in this House, that is, of promoting both official languages in this country.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!