

Oral Questions

ment that the government will participate in the second container facility, as well as facilitate the planning and land fill which is already done?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the government accommodated the move ahead with the land fill by the province in order for the site to be ready as soon as possible. There has been no revision, which I am aware of, in the date upon which we felt the completion of the terminal was necessary. Therefore, we will be taking the appropriate steps in due course; but I do not have an announcement to make at this moment.

Mr. Stanfield: Mr. Speaker, the minister referred to a date. Can the minister give us that date?

Mr. Lang: Mr. Speaker, probably I can get that analysis for the hon. member. It indicated that construction would be required in the fairly near future in order that completion be available by a date, which is not exactly in my mind but is only two or three years away.

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CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

OXFAM—PROPOSED STUDY OF FUNDING

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs in the absence of the House leader. In an analysis of Oxfam's financial position, a regional director suggested that it would be possible to obtain between \$100,000 and \$300,000 of CIDA funds in advance of when it would be required, depending upon the poor accounting practices of CIDA. In light of that statement by a director of Oxfam, would the minister be prepared to undertake a study of the funding of Oxfam now and in the future?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would be very glad to do that. We carry out a continuing examination of the so-called non-governmental organizations. I have not seen that particular quote, but I will look into it and take the necessary steps to have it examined.

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SMALL BUSINESS

REQUEST THAT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR AID BE COMMUNICATED TO MEMBERS

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State (Small Enterprise).

Since the policy has been announced in the House some time ago and since it has undoubtedly been the object of a very serious study by the officials of his department, is the minister

[Mr. Stanfield.]

now prepared to tell the House if the eligibility criteria have been established and would it be possible for him to tell the members of the House about it so they can inform their constituents who are awaiting the benefits of this policy, hoping naturally that it is efficiently carried out one day.

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[*Eng'ish*]

Hon. A. C. Abbott (Minister of State (Small Business)): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member is aware, in September I announced a policy which had been arrived at by my predecessor in a ten-point program. Some of this policy involves the burden of paper work, and in following legislation that we have introduced amendments to the CALURA legislation which have been given first reading. I hope to make further improvements in that area, apart from that legislation when it is passed. There are a number of other areas we are developing, including the purchasing policy of the government and its approach on venture capital, but a number of these things are going to take time, and I hope that when we do bring something before the House it will meet the hon. member's concerns.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary.

Would the minister tell the House very briefly, if he intends to call for information meetings in various areas of Canada and also in Quebec when the work he has just outlined is over in order to inform directors of small enterprises about it and enable them to benefit from it so they can help the government and the country put an end to unemployment?

[*English*]

Mr. Abbott: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I think that is an excellent suggestion by the hon. member, and we do intend to spread the message in the new year about the precise policies we have developed, but I think the hon. member would share my view that until we have something that is concrete to place before small businessmen it would not be advisable to go around the country simply making speeches about what we are going to do.

INQUIRY WHETHER TEN-POINT PROGRAM GOVERNMENT POLICY

Mr. Otto Jelinek (High Park-Humber Valley): Mr. Speaker, I have a short supplementary for the minister. Are we being led to believe by what he has just said that the ten-point program he inherited from his predecessor is in fact government policy on small business?

Hon. A. C. Abbott (Minister of State (Small Business)): Mr. Speaker, the ten-point program as enunciated by me and developed by my predecessor was and is government policy, but the program as outlined anticipates a number of developments which are going to take place over a period of time, and therefore I am simply saying that I would like to see some of