

*Oral Questions***CENTRAL MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION**

APPROVAL OF CAPITAL BUDGET FOR 1972-73

Mr. Terry Grier (Toronto-Lakeshore): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Has the minister yet approved the capital budget for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the fiscal year 1972-73?

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I will have to take the question as notice so my answer can be entirely accurate.

[Later:]

Mr. Grier: My supplementary question is directed to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs and it is further to the question I asked the Minister of Finance. Will the minister assure the House that he will see to it that capital budget is approved and tabled in the House before Bill C-133 comes up for second reading?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I would be prepared to do that, but the capital budget would be examined in the committee when the estimates of the corporation are examined, and I would not want the passage of Bill C-133 delayed for that purpose.

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FISHERIESHERRING—ESTABLISHMENT OF CLOSING LINES IN
PLACENTIA AND ST. MARY'S BAYS

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of the Environment and Fisheries. In view of the importance of the herring fishery to Newfoundland and to parts of my riding and in view of the fact insufficient research has been carried out to determine the quantities of stocks, will the minister say whether it is the government's intention to impose closing lines in certain bays—I am thinking primarily of Placentia Bay and St. Mary's Bay in my riding—to protect the existing herring stocks against possible depletion?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, we have set up a herring management committee for that area which is comprised of fishermen, representatives of the industry and so on, and I am awaiting recommendations from that committee, in the very near future.

Mr. Carter: I wonder if the minister would assure the House, again in view of the importance of this industry, whether sufficient data does exist and sufficient research has been carried out to enable the department to set quotas in these bays?

Mr. Davis: We have set over-all quotas, but I am looking to this industry committee for specific recommendations on quotas for individual bays.

[Mr. Faulkner.]

[Translation]

PUBLIC SERVICEHULL, QUEBEC—MEASURES TO RESPECT BILINGUALISM
IN NEW DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT OFFICES

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question to the Minister of Environment.

Can he tell the House if he has taken steps so that bilingualism will be respected among civil servants working in the Fontaine Building in Hull and to make sure that the French-speaking employees of that department may work in their mother tongue?

[English]

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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FLOODSFRASER RIVER—DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA
ON PROTECTIVE WORKS

Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of the Environment. In view of the annual fear of those on the lower mainland of British Columbia regarding the flood situation, may I ask whether there have been any recent discussions with the government of British Columbia on the question of diking, dredging or other works on the Fraser River to offset the flood danger?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I have had a meeting with the minister of lands, forest and waters from British Columbia. I have also sent him several letters offering to extend the agreement, both in terms of dollars and in terms of the percentage of the federal contribution to the total cost of these dikes.

Mr. Patterson: May I ask whether there has been any agreement between the federal and provincial governments on the request that the two senior levels of government share the capital cost of any such works on a 50-50 formula?

Mr. Davis: The 1968 agreement adopts a 45-45-10 cost sharing formula. It is the local 10 per cent share that is at issue. We are prepared to go as high as 50 per cent of the total amount at the federal level.

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIONINCREASE IN DEPARTMENTS AND BUILDINGS IN
OTTAWA—FUTURE POLICY

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the right hon. Prime Minister. I want to assure him that in light of the forthcoming budget I consider it an important question. In view of the proliferation of government buildings and departments throughout Ottawa, which shocks me as one who has returned to this city after several years absence, and in