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whether the minister would be good enough to indicate precisely where the thousands of jobs are and how many there are in each industry and in each province, so that we shall know exactly what it was that the hon. member for York-Sunbury and the Minister of Labour were talking about.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I have not before me the details of that question and answer to which the hon. member refers. If information is required in detail, I am sure the unemployment insurance commission can supply the list it has of the vacancies for persons who are qualified. I presume it becomes a question of qualification for the particular vacancies that exist.

**Mr. Hellyer:** In view of this rather serious allegation that reflects on the principles of thousands of unemployed persons in this country, I wonder whether the Minister of Finance would be good enough to undertake to get this information from the unemployment insurance commission and to make it available to the committee later on during this debate. These were serious charges that were made in saying that there are thousands of people drawing unemployment insurance benefits who could be working if they wanted to work. I think that we should have some further words from the minister on this matter before we start to vote money in order to prosecute people *holus-bolus*, when the minister has not more information to give us in this regard.

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** The hon. member has overlooked the fact that this item does not relate to the sums paid by way of insurance benefits. This item relates to the further amount required to provide for the costs of the administration of the commission.

In so far as the information he seeks is concerned, may I say that any information of that kind can be made available, I presume, by the unemployment insurance commission. But with respect, Mr. Chairman, may I say that I do not think it relates to the subject now before us. This matter of enforcement has now been reported to the committee. I have given the committee the figures to indicate how the amount is broken down, and to indicate the amount required to complete the enforcement to March 31, of this present fiscal year three days hence. We are not here dealing with the 1961-62 estimates nor are we dealing here with the bill to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act. That bill will come to the house at a later stage of this session.

**Mr. Martin (Timmins):** Am I to understand from the minister that this increased cost is owing to increased administration costs

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brought about through this tightening up process that was referred to?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Yes. I pointed out how the largest element in the item, namely \$1,500,000 for salaries, is made up. It is to provide for the services of 44 new enforcement officers and then the casual assistance required by the commission in its various offices for all purposes.

**Mr. Benidickson:** We have here an item for an additional amount required for administration of the Unemployment Insurance Act. I have not in front of me at the moment the Unemployment Insurance Act. The minister, with the details in front of him, is probably better informed at the moment than am I. But am I not right in thinking that having regard to the terms of the Unemployment Insurance Act, the administration will include not only services with respect to persons unemployed and drawing unemployment insurance benefits but under this act will have responsibility under other sections which provide for employment services?

Having regard to recent discussions concerning Mr. Exelby, am I to understand that henceforth if members of parliament want to place on the order paper questions that do not relate especially to anonymous questions relating to statistics, they could, with respect to services rendered by the employment services under this act, ask the ministry as to what specific opportunities had been offered, for example, to Mr. A., Mr. B. or Mr. C? Has the government given consideration to this matter? Is that likely to develop from the exposé by the Minister of Labour with respect to services rendered by the employment services section under the Unemployment Insurance Act administration in relation to one person?

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** I have not given consideration to that question, Mr. Chairman. I presume that is a question on which it would not be proper for me to comment in advance.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order. It being five o'clock, it is my duty to leave the chair—

**Mr. Fleming (Eglinton):** Mr. Chairman, can we carry this item and complete this department?

**Mr. Hellyer:** I think the item had better stand, Mr. Chairman. The minister may have a change of heart and wish to provide us with some of the details for which we have asked.

**The Deputy Chairman:** Order. It being five o'clock, it is my duty to leave the chair in order to permit the house to proceed to the