

[English]

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, the Department of the Solicitor General does fund projects in respect of juvenile delinquents and assists groups in finding work for ex-inmates. Whether the groups in the hon. member's constituency would be eligible depends on the applications. I would suggest that they forward their applications which will be considered in the usual way.

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[Translation]

FISHERIES

REDUCTION OF PATROLS ON THE WEST COAST— GOVERNMENT ACTION TO REINSTATE

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, I should like to get some clarification on an answer that was given to me recently by the Minister of the Environment. For that reason, I will put my question to the Minister of State for Fisheries.

Could the minister assure the House that patrol vessels which protect our fisheries have resumed their usual activity or does he have to admit that those patrols have been substantially reduced, which could cause irreparable damage to our fisheries as well as to our claims under the law of the sea convention?

Hon. Roméo LeBlanc (Minister of State (Fisheries)): Mr. Speaker, if there has been some reduction, it was because the *Tanu* needed repair and it was several days before it could put back to the sea again. Six out of 17 of our patrol ships have resumed their activity or will next week to check herring stocks. I must say to the hon. member that it is normal at the end of the salmon fishing season to assemble the fleet, either to allow certain crews to go on leave or to rearrange the schedule of some other crews. I agree with him that there are some financing difficulties and that we must maintain a stock for spring fishing especially herring during the month of March, but I can assure him that it is not our intention at all to leave that part of the sea unprotected.

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[English]

FINANCE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELIVERY OF SAVINGS BOND DIVIDEND CHEQUES IN VIEW OF POSTAL STRIKE

Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Yesterday in reply to a previous question of mine the minister said they were negotiating with the chartered banks an alternate system for getting the November 1 interest payments on Canada Savings Bonds into the hands of the recipients. I understand the negotiations have been successful. Can the minister give us any details that would clear up the question of how the savings bond holder is to get the interest payment?

Oral Questions

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I should like to express my appreciation to the hon. member for Victoria for his consideration and initiative in this regard. As he indicated, we have now completed arrangements with the chartered banks whereby recipients of interest payments on the Canada savings bonds falling due November 1 may obtain payment of those amounts by application to the chartered bank, credit union or other financial institution with which they deal. In this respect persons should contact their appropriate fiscal representative of that kind, indicating their full identity, and the government will make every effort as soon as possible to get those cheques into the hands of the financial institutions for payment to those individuals.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

STATEMENT BY MR. LAJOIE THAT THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES SHOULD RECEIVE GRAIN BEFORE TRADITIONAL CUSTOMERS—MINISTER'S POSITION

Mr. Gordon Ritchie (Dauphin): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Was Mr. Lajoie, head of CIDA, stating government policy when, speaking to the Canada Grains Council, he suggested Canada should have its traditional customers for grain, Russia, China, Japan and Great Britain, stand aside until the starving third world countries have their needs filled.

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have not seen the comments attributed to the gentleman in question, but certainly he was not speaking for me in making that statement.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CBC FILM SHOWING HUNTERS USING ILLEGAL METHODS— REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. In view of the fact that sportsmen of Canada were portrayed as ruthless killers using aircraft and snowmobiles to track down and shoot their quarry on the CBC film "Earthwatch" and as both these acts are against the law in every province in Canada, would the minister undertake to ascertain where the film sequences were taken and who the persons were that participated in these illegal acts, particularly in Canada?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure whether that comes within my responsibility but I will check and report to the hon. member.