

C., within months, when will the application to the CRTC be made and at what stage are those plans?

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am not sure, but I will find the information for the hon. member.

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MANPOWER

SUGGESTED INTEGRATION OF MANPOWER AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OFFICES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration and arises from the speech made by the minister to the Toronto Chamber of Commerce on September 23 last in which he suggested that the number one priority was setting up a partnership between the Unemployment Insurance Commission and manpower offices. As unemployment is advancing at the same time as increases in job vacancies are advancing, can the minister tell the House when this partnership is to be established.

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it has been established in the last two years and is working increasingly effectively.

Mr. Dinsdale: A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Can the minister inform the House whether the partnership to which he refers and which he says has already been established goes further than putting the two offices under one roof? Does it involve the integration of these two important functions in the same ministry?

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I have given members of the House in various forums a great deal of evidence regarding special measures which have been taken over the last two years; and, most recently, some fairly detailed description was given before the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration about the special job placement drive, which was a cooperative effort between manpower and the Unemployment Insurance Commission in seven metro centres. It met with considerable success in placing people, in indicating which people are trying to find jobs, and in monitoring the unemployment insurance scheme. I indicated to the committee that it is intended that this successful pilot project, which is a broad one, is being extended across the country.

Mr. Dinsdale: Mr. Speaker, could the minister answer my specific question. Is the minister to reintegrate these two functions which were disintegrated at an earlier time, as this really is the only solution to a satisfactory partnership.

Mr. Andras: Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member is jumping to a detailed conclusion which may not be supported by a detailed examination. We are pressing, and successfully pressing, for increased coordination and cooperation between these two major operations, and I am not satisfied that an organizational integration is the answer to the particular problem.

Mr. Dinsdale: So, the answer is, no.

Oral Questions

[Translation]

HOUSING

APPLICABILITY OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR GRANT TO CONDOMINIUMS

Mr. Armand Caouette (Villeneuve): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

Can the minister advise the House whether the \$500 grant to new house buyers will apply also to those who buy lodgings inside apartment buildings or condominiums?

[English]

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, yes, it does apply.

[Translation]

Mr. Caouette (Villeneuve): I wish to put a supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Further to the question of the hon. member for Abitibi the minister replied that a \$500 grant would be applicable to the purchase of a mobile house considered as a dwelling. Could the minister tell us if that \$500 grant applies only to those whose financing is done by the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation or as well to those financed by chartered banks or by caisses populaires?

[English]

Mr. Danson: Mr. Speaker, the source of the financing does not matter.

[Translation]

INQUIRY AS TO TAX POSITION OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR GRANT

Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval): Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a supplementary to the Minister of State for Urban Affairs.

It deals with the federal grant of \$500 to owners of new houses. Could the minister tell the House if this amount of \$500 will be regarded as income and subject to income tax?

[English]

Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I have consulted with my colleague, the Minister of National Revenue, who advised me that it is not subject to tax.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST SEAFARERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION—REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, my question, directed to the Minister of Labour, who has been pushed into making statements concerning the Seafarers' International Union. In light of the serious allegation made by a member of the Ontario Legislature that the Seafarers' International Union has been resorting to violence, intimidation and bribery which affects federal officials and, even more important, politicians on