

raised after July 1, in accordance with the government's guidelines laid down in the anti-inflation program?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Speaker, if there is to be an increase in the wellhead price of oil, I expect that increase, that crude increment, to be passed on in higher prices consistent with the guidelines.

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[Translation]

### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DREE GRANTS AND INSTALLATION OF ANTI-POLLUTION DEVICES

**Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of the Environment.

Considering that the Department of Regional Economic Expansion sometimes dictates specifications to certain industries, such as those which install anti-pollution devices and which, to this effect, apply for grants, and considering that the payment of grants is delayed until the Department of the Environment has made its recommendations, in other words after the work has been done, could the minister tell this House whether final acceptance of the installation of these systems comes under the federal department or under the Quebec department of environment?

**Hon. Jeanne Sauvé (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, when the Department of Regional Economic Expansion gives a grant to an industrial establishment, the latter must comply with the norms set by the Department of the Environment in two ways. First, as the federal government finances part of this enterprise, the company must comply with the standards of the Department of the Environment on the anti-pollution equipment. The province is responsible for implementation of these standards. Any new establishment must comply immediately with the standards. Now, the federal government allows these industries to amortize this anti-pollution equipment over a period of two years, which is very quickly. Therefore, it does not hamper new industrial establishments in any way.

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion a supplementary question.

In light of the answer the Minister of the Environment has just given, may I ask the minister if, when subsidies are delayed because the Quebec department concurrence is overdue, it is his department's responsibility to speed up the answer or certification of the provincial ministry of the environment and can it do so to prevent the industry which is relying on the subsidies from being penalized?

**Hon. Marcel Lessard (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to tell the hon. member that it is not specifically our responsibility to do so, but there is no doubt our department is eager to make payments in keeping with the agreement. We try as much as possible to prevail upon our provincial counterparts so that

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the measures you are referring to may be accepted and the necessary inspections carried out before the payments are made. We try to be as informal as possible to win their cooperation.

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[English]

### EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

#### DATE OF DECISION ON CONTRACT CLAUSE BOYCOTTING TRADE WITH ISRAEL

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. On June 2 last the former minister stated that the government was considering what its policy should be on the matter of the Export Development Corporation and the Arab boycott of Israel. On July 25, I asked that minister whether the government had completed its consideration of the matter. He replied it was still under consideration. Has the cabinet now completed its consideration and, if so, what conclusion has it reached?

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** No, Mr. Speaker, it has not completed its consideration. This has been basically as a result of my preoccupation with other matters in the few weeks since I have taken over. However, I believe it is scheduled for consideration either two or three weeks from Monday coming.

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### POST OFFICE

#### STRIKE OF INSIDE WORKERS—DATE OF RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS

**Mr. Cecil Smith (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Postmaster General. In his absence, I will direct it to the Acting Prime Minister. Ninety-nine per cent of the inside workers and letter carriers in the vast area of the Churchill constituency are now back to work. When will this government make arrangements to get mail moving so that Canadians and postal workers in this large area who want to work will have that opportunity?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it is our hope that inside postal workers throughout the country, will soon be following the same course as those in Churchill.

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### PENITENTIARIES

#### MILLHAVEN—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON GASING AND BEATING OF INMATES

**Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Solicitor General. The report on the investigation of the November 3 gasing and beatings at Millhaven is now before the Commissioner of Penitentiary Services. Is the Solicitor General in a position today to give the House a full report on the incident?