

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): I asked whether the government will do what it can to see to it that information regarding fees charged by doctors on a national basis is made available to the profession so that it can do the job of disciplining its own members.

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, I would be pleased to look into the matter.

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[Translation]

MANPOWER

QUEBEC—RETRAINING—ALLEGED SHORTAGE OF TEXTBOOKS AND EQUIPMENT

Mr. Adrien Lambert (Bellechasse): Mr. Speaker, I have a question I want to direct to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Considering that complaints have been filed to the effect that a certain number of schools offering retraining in Quebec are short of textbooks and equipment, and since the federal government is helping pay the expenses involved in offering these courses, would the minister tell us whether it was stipulated at the time the agreements were signed with the province of Quebec that schools providing the courses would supply students with the required textbooks and equipment so they could reap full benefit from these courses?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I think it is clear in all our relationships with the provinces that when we place students into training it is expected that the training will be of adequate quality. I include all aspects of training, whether it be equipment, books or what have you. If the hon. member has a specific instance that he knows of where there seems to be some failure in this regard, I would be very pleased if he would bring it to my attention so that I can check into the matter.

[Translation]

SUGGESTED EXTENSION OF FARM ADMINISTRATION COURSES TO WIVES

Mr. Gérard Laprise (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question.

I should like to ask the minister whether he has received, from the Department of Education of Quebec, a request to the effect that, in the next adult training courses program, farmers' wives be allowed to take farm management courses?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware whether such a request has come from the province of Quebec particularly, but I should like to inform hon. members that the training courses that are available in different provinces in regard to business management in farming operations

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are indeed available to wives as well as to husbands. However, it is the policy of the department not to offer training in the first instance to the wife and husband of the same family, on the theory that it is better to have one member of as many households as possible take this training.

[Translation]

RETRAINING—CONTROL OF TEXTBOOKS

Mr. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the minister and ask him whether, in view of the large subsidies granted by the federal government for those training courses, he assumes a degree of control over the textbooks used?

[English]

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): No, Mr. Speaker, the quality of these basic courses is determined by the provincial institutions, or by the institutions which are chosen by the provinces for the purpose. Of course, the manpower offices do have a function in ascertaining that training generally is of the kind that is desired, but it does not go beyond that.

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IMMIGRATION

ACTION TO DEAL WITH BACKLOG OF APPEALS AND APPLICATIONS FOR LANDED STATUS

Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parkdale): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Manpower and Immigration a question. In view of the huge backlog of immigration appeals and applications for landed immigrant status, when will the minister remedy this intolerable situation and inform the House what he has decided to do with some of the unpalatable recommendations in the Sedgwick report?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I really have nothing to add to previous answers to this question. We are working on particular solutions to this obviously very serious problem, and I hope that before long this will result in legislation being placed before the House.

PERMISSION FOR PEOPLE TO WORK WHILE AWAITING DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS OR APPEALS

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, in light of the very long delays in processing applications and appeals, is the government giving consideration to permitting people who are waiting long periods of time to work until their applications are approved or rejected?

Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it is fairly standard practice on the part of the department to give a work permit to persons who are past the special inquiry stage and,