

Oral Questions

where we are doing a number of environmental clean-up projects in company with the mining associations and organizations.

The program is being undertaken with co-operation. The fisheries part of the program is one that is being delivered directly by my colleague, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Again, that program has been signed and delivered in several of the ocean provinces and will also be available to provinces in the interior of the country.

Therefore, it is one means that we are providing, not the only means, but one that we are providing to help alleviate the unemployment problem—

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Axworthy:—and I think other hon. members should be interested in it.

REQUEST THAT MINISTER REVIEW PROGRAM

Mr. F. Oberle (Prince George-Peace River): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question will not elicit such an extensive answer. At the end of this month 200,000 young Canadians will leave our school system, a great majority of whom will enter the job market. Since the program has not produced the results that the minister had earlier indicated—very few people are involved in it now and very few dollars have been spent—would he make another review of the program, particularly with the view to involve industry in the program, especially in those provinces where the provincial governments are not as receptive to his ideas as we would like them to be?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, in many cases we have been involved in discussions with industrial business organizations concerning those programs. I would point out to the hon. member that in the circumstances of young people coming on to the job market, particularly students, it is very important, as I pointed out in the House before, that we try to recruit the maximum effort by the business community to offer places and opportunities for summer students to gain employment during this very difficult period. Again, I would repeat my appeal to hon. members of the House to use their own communications and efforts in their constituencies to involve business people. I have written to many business leaders and associations, but that effort would be substantially enhanced if I could recruit the assistance of Members of this Parliament for this very noteworthy effort.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION TO VERSAILLES SUMMIT

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Madam Speaker, my question is to the Prime Minister. Why was Canada the only

country attending at Versailles that did not have a significant component of its delegation containing special expertise in science and technology and research and development?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, I try to keep the number of members of my delegation lower than those of the other delegations.

COMPARATIVE LEVEL OF FUNDING

Mr. Bruce Halliday (Oxford): Madam Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the Minister of Environment and Minister of State for Science and Technology. Did the minister make recommendations to the Prime Minister that our delegation be composed of people including those experts in science and technology? As well, what are his views on the present trend in France where they are putting a much greater emphasis on science and technology and research and development?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of the Environment and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Madam Speaker, while it is certainly true that the effort of the French government to increase the proportion of the GNP in France devoted to research and development are impressive, it is even more true that the rate of expansion of research and development in Canada is outpacing the projected growth in France.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

URANIUM PRICE FIXING TRIAL—EFFECT OF CROWN CORPORATION APPEAL DECISION

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. Last Friday the Ontario Court of Appeal dismissed the Minister of Justice's appeal in the case with respect to Uranium Canada and Eldorado Nuclear Limited in the uranium cartel question on the basis that these two Crown corporations were immune from prosecution in the criminal courts. What method does he now propose to make public provisions of the Bertrand report with respect to the activities of these two Crown corporations in order that there will be a fair trial of the private sector corporations still under indictment in this particular matter?

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Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development): Madam Speaker, I do not think the two questions are necessarily related. We followed the recommendations made in the Bertrand report that we should take legal action against the private companies and Crown corporations. There have been two decisions, one by the Supreme Court of Ontario and the other by the Court of Appeal. As regards the possibility of taking legal action