

### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### INCREASE IN CAPITAL BUDGET OF DEPARTMENT FOR FIVE YEARS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** My question is for the Prime Minister. The hon. member for Winnipeg South, the former minister of national defence, was able, aided by the Chancellor of Germany, to wrest from a reluctant cabinet a promise to increase the capital budget of the Department of National Defence by an inflation factor plus 12 per cent each year for the next five years. Can the Prime Minister assure the House that this commitment will stand?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I can assure the hon. member that this commitment was made by the cabinet and not by the minister alone. It was the subject of a very firm decision by all ministers in the cabinet, and the former minister does not take that decision away with him.

#### REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE NO CHANGE IN RE-EQUIPMENT PROGRAM—REPLACEMENT FOR MINISTER

**Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** I have a supplementary for the Prime Minister. Could the right hon. gentleman assure the House that there will be no changes in the defence re-equipment programs announced by the former minister, and could he at the same time assure the House that he will name somebody—or perhaps some nobody—as Minister of National Defence before he leaves the country again?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Well, Mr. Speaker, if I were to find some nobody, I would have to look on the other side.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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### THE CANADIAN ECONOMY

#### MEASURES TO REDUCE LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, as testimony to all the hard work I put in on my French this past summer I will say *touché* to the Prime Minister for that one.

On a more serious note I would like to ask the Prime Minister, since Canada has been experiencing unemployment in excess of seven per cent for a total of some 17 months now, and since Canadians obviously want to work and not receive handouts, does the government intend in the present session of parliament to bring forth legislation which will set specific targets on the rates of reduction in the levels of unemployment that it is planning for, and if not, why not?

**Mrs. Holt:** You don't care about the rank and file.

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Speech from the Throne indicated the direction the government intends to take on this matter and the House will hear

### Oral Questions

further from the Minister of Manpower and Immigration during the debate.

#### POSSIBILITY OF BUDGETARY MEASURES TO DEAL WITH UNEMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary for the Minister of Finance. Since on a seasonal basis there are over 750,000 Canadians unemployed, and since only 63,000 new jobs have been established this year compared with the 250,000 jobs forecast by the minister in his May budget address, will the minister bring forward this fall a supplementary budget to correct some of this erroneous forecasting made by his own department and also simultaneously announce some major programs to deal with unemployment?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance):** No, sir.

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### MANPOWER

#### REQUEST FOR TABLING OF EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY PAPER

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** Mr. Speaker, it is a brief answer if a stupid one. The Prime Minister's new modesty obviously has not spread throughout the cabinet.

My final supplementary is to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the stated intention of the government in the Throne Speech to provide more information to the people of Canada, will the minister table the 85 page employment strategy paper which the cabinet has approved, and can the minister at the same time indicate whether his employment program will simply involve an expansion of such cosmetic programs as making LIP a year round project and introducing such delightful new schemes as JEEP, whatever that may stand for?

**Hon. Jack Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Cullen for leader.

**Mr. Cullen:** Not yet, Walter. Cool it.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Hees:** Maybe next month.

**Mr. Cullen:** The leader of the New Democratic Party refers to cosmetics, but it has been known in the past that cosmetics made a very ordinary girl look quite beautiful. I think we will do that with our program.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!