

Mrs. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I have recognized the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway. I shall return to the hon. member for St. John's East in a moment.

[Later:]

Mr. Speaker: I believe the hon. member for St. John's East has a supplementary to a previous question.

Mr. McGrath: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I would like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration because I do not think the minister understood my question in the first instance. In light of the serious anticipated increase in unemployment, has the government reached a decision yet on extending substantially the manpower upgrading program and, if so, has a plan been devised whereby funds for this program will be allocated by provinces?

Mr. Lang: I will be glad to repeat my answer so that the hon. member may now understand it. I indicated that additions to our program in this area have been previously announced to the House. In answer to his question, no further decisions beyond that announcement have been taken.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS—NATIONAL DAY CARE ACT—ABORTION

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct my question to the Prime Minister. In view of the strong recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women for the adoption of a national day care Act, is the government prepared to take immediate steps to secure the agreement of the provinces to the enactment of such legislation?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the report has just been tabled this afternoon. Cabinet only took cognizance of it last Thursday. We wish to conduct the usual study before making any statement on it. Of course, as the hon. member knows, under the Canada Assistance Plan we are already participating in the payment for day care centres set up by the provinces.

Mrs. MacInnis: Is the government prepared to introduce legislation this session to effect changes in the Criminal Code relating to abortion which are in line with the commission's recommendations?

Mr. Trudeau: The same answer, Mr. Speaker.

Mrs. MacInnis: Mr. Speaker, I wish you would not abort me before I ask one more question. In view of the fact that the report was three years in the making and its recommendations on this matter are very definite, could the Prime Minister tell us how soon we may expect legislation?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me that the hon. member is repeating substantially the question asked previously.

Inquiries of the Ministry

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON DISPOSITION OF ROYAL COMMISSION REPORT

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): May I ask the Prime Minister how soon we may expect some statement from the government as to what disposition it intends to make of this report, whether the report will be sent to a standing committee of the House or whether the government intends to bring down legislation directly to implement some of the recommendations? Will a statement be made in the near future by the government regarding the report?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): First we will consider the report; then we will announce to the House what course we will follow.

COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS—EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Mr. Stanley Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister if particular attention will be given at an early date to the recommendations regarding the employment of women in the Public Service which, after all, is a matter which comes completely within the federal purview?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I do not know how long members of the opposition have had this report in their hands but we have just received it; therefore I cannot answer all these questions.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): May I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. The Prime Minister said the government has had the report since last Thursday—we have had it for only half an hour.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

ALLEGED INFILTRATION OF FLQ CELLS

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Can he tell the house if RCMP officers were or are still infiltrated in FLQ cells?

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

MEETING WITH PROVINCES ON POSSIBILITY OF RAISING MINIMUM WAGES

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I would like to address a question to the Prime Minister. As the information which has been the result of the hearings of the Senate Committee on Poverty clearly indicates that more than half of the nearly five million people living in poverty in Canada are working, most of them for minimum wages, is it the intention of the government in the