

Oral Questions

by the Hon. Emmett Hall? Does the minister have up-to-date information in that regard?

Mr. Munro (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, I can only express the hope that the report of Mr. Justice Emmett Hall will form the basis of a settlement. I think the hon. member and the House will agree that he has been an exceedingly able labour negotiator and arbitrator in the past. In terms of credibility and fairness, he stands high with both parties. That is the basis for some optimism.

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PENITENTIARIES**WIVES OF OFFICERS ACTING AS ESCORTS FOR FEMALE PRISONERS—REQUEST FOR REPORT**

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. It relates to my earlier Standing Order 43 regarding the wife of the director of the British Columbia institution and the wife of the assistant director of the Drumheller institution and the fact they are acting as escorts of inmates going to Kingston penitentiary. Is the minister aware this has been going on and does he consider it a good policy for the penitentiary system?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I was not aware of this particular incident. However, I am advised it is not an exceptional procedure with women inmates. Since these transfers do not take place that often, full time matrons cannot always be found to do this work and they find that other people can do it just as well.

Mr. Reynolds: Will the Solicitor General check into this to find out whether any training is being given to these wives, what their qualifications are and the number of trips they have taken in the past year?

Mr. Allmand: I will be pleased to do so, Mr. Speaker.

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[Translation]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH APPEAL COMMISSION REVISES DECISIONS OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Jacques Lavoie (Hochelaga): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

Could the minister tell the House the criteria or circumstances that sometimes prompt the Immigration Appeal Board to review decisions previously made by Unemployment Insurance Commission officers?

[English]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I would have to go into more detail than the question period will permit. However, I will be glad to give the hon. member full information on that issue and the procedures, in any exchange that we can arrange.

[Mr. Fraser.]

AIRPORTS**PICKERING—PLANS FOR USE OF LAND IN VIEW OF ABANDONMENT OF CONSTRUCTION PLANS**

Mr. Sinclair Stevens (York-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Transport, I will direct my question to the Prime Minister. I will put my question to the Acting Minister of Transport. With air travel out of Toronto and Canada having plateaued and as such travel now will come under the original Ministry of Transport forecasts, will the acting minister indicate what the government plans to do with the Pickering area lands expropriated by the government and which are now presumably not needed for a further airport in that location?

Hon. Bryce Mackasey (Postmaster General): Mr. Speaker, I could give a vague answer, but I know the hon. member likes to deal in specifics. Therefore, I would ask the parliamentary secretary if he would answer.

Mr. Ralph E. Goodale (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I will certainly bring this question to the attention of the minister.

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AGRICULTURE**FORM OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW DAIRY POLICY—REASON FOR DELAY**

Mr. John Wise (Elgin): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Agriculture. In his absence, I will direct it to his parliamentary secretary. Does the Minister of Agriculture intend to make a statement on changes and revisions in the 1976-77 dairy policy in the House or will the contents of that statement be in the form of a press release, either from his office or the office of the Canadian Dairy Commission?

[Translation]

Mr. Irénée Pelletier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Agriculture): Mr. Speaker, the announcement of the dairy policy will be made within the next two or three days by the minister in or outside the House. It rests with the minister to decide how to proceed.

[English]

Mr. Wise: Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. Is the delay further evidence of the minister's inability to convince his cabinet colleagues of the need to adequately support the Canadian dairy industry?

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, this has nothing to do with the policy to be announced in a few days.