

Oral Questions

construction of a sewage system for Portland Estates, a private residential development in Dartmouth.

Is every private development in Nova Scotia now eligible for such funding, or has this particular project qualified solely on the basis of the developer's personal friendship with the Conservative Government of Nova Scotia?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, the development of Nova Scotia's territory is primarily a responsibility of the Government of Nova Scotia. With this in mind, this Government drafted and approved . . . and Parliament approved the legislation and funds required for the development of these programs. We recognize the responsibility of the Government of Nova Scotia, and we are particularly proud that Government of Canada money was spent for the development of Nova Scotia's territory.

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AIRPORTS**PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT—REQUEST
TRAFFIC BE REDIRECTED TO HAMILTON**

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. Ordinarily this is a wonderful time of year for Canadians. Unfortunately, many Canadians are finding themselves frustrated and harassed by the fiasco at Pearson International Airport in Toronto, frustrated by lengthy delays, congested airways, and real danger to lives. In view of the fact that there is a viable, under-used and highly accessible airport at Hamilton, will the Minister of Transport finally take immediate action to improve the situation and redirect traffic to the Hamilton airport, or will it take a catastrophe before the Government acts?

Hon. Shirley Martin (Minister of State (Transport)): Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member for Hamilton West well knows, action was taken at Pearson International Airport on Friday when we started to control the traffic flow through Pearson by the number of flights per hour. That action has been taken. Traffic moved well yesterday and it moved well today. It will continue to move over the Christmas season to make sure that Canadians

will be able to travel home with the least amount of delay possible.

REQUEST FOR ACTION

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, interestingly enough, another Hon. Member from the Hamilton area on the government side of the House has indicated that he cannot condone his own junior Minister's statements of Friday.

I might point out to the junior Minister that three years ago the Liberal Party pleaded that the Government designate Hamilton airport as an under-used airport. Three years have passed. Would the Minister of Transport redirect air traffic from a paralysed Pearson to the under-used, viable Hamilton airport immediately?

Hon. Shirley Martin (Minister of State (Transport)): Mr. Speaker, the traffic through Pearson International Airport is not paralysed at this time and it is flowing.

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As far as the Hamilton Airport is concerned we have been working over the last four years with the people there to make sure the airport is utilized.

Ms. Copps: That is a farce.

Mrs. Martin: We now have flights in and out of Hamilton.

An Hon. Member: Once a week.

Mrs. Martin: A little more than one a week, Sir. You should try it some time. Hamilton, certainly, will be part of the over-all study as we look at the medium and long-term problems within the area and as we look at the management of the airspace over southwestern Ontario.

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TRADE**UNITED STATES TARIFF ON CANADIAN SHAKES AND
SHINGLES**

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Last week in a move that will be devastating to the shakes and shingles industry in British Columbia, U.S. President Reagan renailed the industry with a punishing 20 per cent tariff.

Does the Prime Minister recognize the seriousness of this tariff and does he intend to capitulate to this attack,