

it. I have been advised that senior staff of the Toronto Regional Office of the Canadian Unemployment Insurance Commission are planning to chop the service to unemployment insurance claimants by removing the claims adjudicators from at least six offices in metropolitan Toronto. Will the Parliamentary Secretary tell the House whether unemployment insurance claimants who run into difficulty with their claims will be able to do as they can now, and talk over their problems with someone in that office who can make a decision?

[Translation]

Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Member for giving me notice of his question, because that enabled me to look into this matter. Two Toronto area offices may be involved in some changes, one located at 1985 Danforth where the lease expires before summer. People will still be able to go to 811 Danforth to get better service, since someone will be there to answer queries. However, a final decision has yet to be made.

As to the other location, the Hon. Member mentioned in his notice, on James Street in Toronto, a good many employees were moved to the main building of High Parks' Office two years ago. The lease expires within a week, but people will have improved services at that central building because fewer clients go there and staff will be on hand to answer questions. Full services will be available in the two buildings I mentioned.

Should the Hon. Member experience problems or any of his constituents say that service is bad or whatever, I hope he will let us know so that we may look into the situation.

[English]

SERVICE TO CLAIMANTS

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, the Parliamentary Secretary has answered one of the questions of which I gave him notice, but not the question which I have asked now. I would like to reiterate that question. I am advised that in about five offices the claims adjudicators will be withdrawn to offices much further away. Will the unemployment insurance claimants, therefore, have to make an extra trip to some other part of the city to get questions answered which at the present time are able to be answered at nearby offices?

[Translation]

Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I would say to the Hon. Member that, according to the information I have on the situation in the Toronto area, the clients will not have to travel great distances. I have already told him that qualified staff will be on hand at both places to answer queries about claims and unemployment insurance, and full services will be available thanks to the employees who work there.

I would point out to the Hon. Member that the people with whom he was dealing in those two offices—and very few

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people went there to begin with—were not permanent employees. I think that my previous answer covered the situation of permanent employees in both offices.

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[English]

REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

BELL HELICOPTER PLANT—AMOUNT OF COMPANY INVESTMENT

Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. I refer to an internal departmental document on the Bell Helicopter deal which shows that, of the \$514 million to be invested, \$275 million is to be invested by the Government and \$239 million is to be invested by Bell Helicopter. However, of the \$239 million which Bell has agreed to invest, \$215 million is in respect of research and development already done by Bell Helicopter in the United States. In other words, Bell Helicopter has agreed to put up about \$25 million of new money compared to the government investment of \$275 million.

Would the Minister confirm that Bell Helicopter has been given a credit of \$215 million in respect of its commitment in work already done, and that it is in fact only spending \$25 million or thereabouts in new money?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): No, Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member's figures are inaccurate.

DETAILS OF INVESTMENT

Hon. Michael Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Mr. Speaker, let me be quite precise, then. Is the Minister saying that Bell Helicopter is investing new cash, amounting to \$239 million or thereabouts, and that money already spent by Bell Helicopter in the United States is entirely in addition to this amount of \$239 million? Would the Minister also give us a commitment that the Government will not invest any new money, any government money, until Bell Helicopter invests that \$239 million, or at least match the Bell Helicopter spending on a dollar-for-dollar basis?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I do not have the exact dollar figures in front of me. It has been three or four months since I have seen those particular figures. However, we are investing approximately dollar for dollar with Bell Helicopter. There were some funds which were spent buying the technology. That is one of the reasons, Mr. Speaker, why we ended up with three quarters of a billion dollars investment rather than a \$70-\$80 million investment which the Bell Corporation initially put up.

We are going to create at least 2,000 more jobs than originally planned because we are going to use that technology. Instead of producing one model of helicopter, we are going