

Inquiries of the Ministry

INQUIRY AS TO TABLING OF STANFORD STUDIES

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would the Minister of Transport indicate to the house now when the documents having to do with Stanford Research Institute studies, which he assured me on three previous occasions would be tabled, will in fact be tabled in the house?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, perhaps I should respond to that question. The replies from most of the departments have been received. I understand that a request for their approval has been put to the appropriate provincial authorities and that at the moment this authority has not been received from all provincial governments. As soon as an affirmative reply has been received, we will table the documents.

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): When this notice of motion for the production of papers was agreed to, had the government not already consulted the provincial authorities in order to give that consent?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

AGRICULTURE

SUGAR BEETS—PAYMENTS TO ONTARIO GROWERS

Mr. R. E. McKinley (Huron): My question is for the Minister of Agriculture. Now that the necessary estimates have gone through the house, can the minister say when the phasing out payments to the sugar beet growers in southwestern Ontario will be made?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Minister of Agriculture): I am not sure that I can give the exact date without checking, but so far as I know, now that the authorization has been given all that is required is the mechanical process of issuing the cheques.

HOUSING

LEGISLATION BASED ON TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): My question is directed to the Minister of Transport in charge of housing. When will the minister bring in legislation relating to the recommendations of the task force report on housing?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): I hope there will not be much delay. Satisfactory progress is being made. There is quite a

[Mr. Trudeau.]

large package of amendments that we are considering, and I hope I will be able to report to the house quite soon.

NEW DEPARTMENT—DISCUSSIONS ON URBAN RENEWAL

Mr. John Gilbert (Broadview): I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. When will the government set up the new ministry of housing and urban development recommended in the report of the task force on housing?

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Gilbert: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I believe the Prime Minister was ready to answer my question.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Hamilton West has a supplementary question. Perhaps the two questions can be answered at the same time.

Mr. Alexander: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My question is directed to the Minister of Transport. I see him over there smiling at me and I know he knows what I am going to ask him. About a week and a half ago the minister assured me there would be meetings with several cities, particularly with the city of Hamilton, in order that discussions take place with respect to urban renewal. Has the minister had any such meetings, and if so with what cities?

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Minister of Transport): My hon. friend will be pleased to know that I have spent quite some time looking at that proposal in the last day or two and I hope I will be in a position to meet representatives of the city some time next week.

Mr. Alexander: I have a supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. The minister's answer is optimistic but I did not get the name of the city to which he referred. Perhaps he would clear it up for me.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Gilbert: My supplementary question is directed to the Prime Minister. When will the government set up the new ministry of housing and urban development recommended in the report of the task force on housing?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): I do not know of any such plans, Mr. Speaker.