

Inquiries of the Ministry

change anything. The firms themselves, and not the government, decide where they will settle. If the scheme does not work properly after a certain period of time, it might be in order to change it.

[*English*]

REQUESTED CHANGE IN DEFINITION OF
INFRASTRUCTURE TO INCLUDE FISHING
COMMUNITIES

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): May I ask the minister whether it is the intention of the government to redefine the definition of infrastructure in the special areas legislation so as to include viable fishing communities? Will a statement be made on a new program in the near future?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, if special areas are meant here, they are already included in the scheme and there is therefore no need to change it. We may do it provided the area is a special one. I cannot see what changes could be brought to the program at this time.

[*Later:*]

[*English*]

Mr. Lundrigan: My supplementary is directed to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of the fact that the definition of infrastructure in the special areas legislation does not cover fishing communities, may I ask whether he is planning to bring in a new program of legislation to include viable fishing areas so that they can take advantage of the grants being made by his department?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Marchand: Mr. Speaker, if a fishing community is designed in a "special area", we have the right to build all the infrastructures provided by the act. All we need to know is whether or not the community is within the "special area".

[*Later:*]

[*English*]

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): When answering a question asked by my hon. friend from St. John's East, the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion indicated that his department's incentives program was not based in any way on population. I would ask him whether this is not apparent from the fact that Quebec has already received over 50 per cent of the grants?

[*Later:*]

Mr. MacInnis: I rise to make an apology to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion who has indicated to me that I quoted him as saying exactly the opposite of what he did say. In making this apology, I would ask him to consider the fact that Quebec still received more than 50 per cent of the grants.

FAIREY AVIATION—STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): I hope, Mr. Speaker, that you will not take my question as contrary to the indication given in your comment of a few moments ago, but I wanted to ask the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion whether his department is presently negotiating with any firms for the rehabilitation or retaining of the maintenance and overhaul facilities at Dartmouth.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the last time I received a report on this matter, negotiations were being conducted, but in order that the hon. member will not be misled, I shall inquire and find out where the negotiations stand and report to him very soon.

[*English*]

CRIMINAL CODE

ABORTION—REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF
PROVISION FROM LAW

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): I have a question for the Minister of Justice, Mr. Speaker. In view of the fact that the Canadian Psychiatric Association has declared that abortion should be removed from the Criminal Code and left, like any other medical matter, to the discretion of the patient and her doctor, and in view of the fact that nearly 200 doctors in Montreal have called publicly for the repeal of the present abortion legislation, will the minister take early steps to remove abortion from the provisions of the Criminal Code?

Mr. Speaker: It seems to me the hon. lady is repeating a question which has already been asked, and that—

Mrs. MacInnis: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Perhaps the hon. member will allow me to take a stand which was taken by some of her hon. friends earlier, and allow