

International Youth Year, it is part of my responsibility to celebrate this year despite the problems facing youth today. Of course, thanks to programs like those announced by the Minister of Employment and Immigration, we shall also be working on jobs. We are now working on involving young people in the community and getting them to help other young people who are not as well off.

[English]

MINISTER'S POSITION

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, do I take it from the Minister's answer that she will approach the Prime Minister to change the title of her Ministry to the "Ministry of State for Untroubled Youth"? Does she realize that this situation is a tragedy and not a soap opera?

Hon. Andrée Champagne (Minister of State (Youth)): Mr. Speaker, I do realize that the tragedy of youth is not a soap opera. The Government is doing its best to better the—

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, this Government is doing its best to improve the situation in which Canadian youth finds itself today.

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EMPLOYMENT

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

According to Statistics Canada this morning, there are now more people unemployed than there were three months ago, and we all know that the Progressive Conservative Party was elected on September 4 of this year.

I just want to know what this Government is going to do to create new jobs today. What does it intend to do now to create jobs for the unemployed in this country?

[English]

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member obviously was not paying attention when I responded to a similar question just a few minutes ago. For his benefit I will repeat what I said then. Perhaps it will get through to him this time.

As I mentioned, there have been 65,000 people added to the workforce in the last two months. There are 70,000 new jobs which will be created by the Canada Works Program which we announced earlier this year. The highest amount is dedicated to Canada Works during the winter period. That will bring the jobs into creation at the very time they are most needed. I am sure the Hon. Member knows that the deadline for those projects was earlier this month.

Oral Questions

LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, there are more people unemployed now than there were when the Conservative Party took office three months ago, and 50,000 more than last month. What is the Minister going to do now for those additional unemployed people?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it is really not possible to add \$430 million to the Canada Works Program every month. That is just not possible, although the Hon. Member might think that is the way to go about it. He should look at what that program will indeed do, beginning with the 70,000 new jobs that will be brought onstream this month as a result of the \$430 million already allocated. We have done that despite the fact that it was not budgeted for by the previous Government and certainly had not been planned. We have moved to make sure—

Mr. Speaker: With great respect. The Member for Yorkton-Melville on a supplementary question.

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REQUEST FOR MINISTERIAL ACTION

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, despite what the Minister says, there are more people unemployed now than there were three months ago when she took office. What will she do before Christmas for these unemployed people to put them back to work? What will she do?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, it does seem very difficult to get through to the Hon. Member.

Mr. Deans: It is a lot more difficult when you are unemployed.

Mr. Nystrom: What are you going to do?

Miss MacDonald: I have told him that there is \$430 million allocated to bring on jobs beginning this month—that is, the months of December, January and February. Seventy thousand new jobs will be created, beginning this month.

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EDUCATION

FUNDING OF STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton-Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Hon. Secretary of State. If the Government will not do anything about the 18 per cent of our young people who are now out of work, perhaps it will at least do something for our youth in school.

Hon. Larry Grossman of the Conservative Government of Ontario has just announced his intention to raise tuition fees for university students by 10 per cent per year. Of course this will discourage young people and even deny them an opportu-