

*Oral Questions***MANPOWER****DENIAL OF RELOCATION ASSISTANCE UNDER MOBILITY PROGRAM TO POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES OF CROWN CORPORATIONS**

Mr. Harry Olausen (Coast Chilcotin): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of relocation assistance available under the Canada Manpower Mobility Program and in view of the fact that such assistance is denied potential employees of Crown corporations, can the minister explain what steps are being taken or will be taken to prevent such discrimination?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will take the question as notice and respond to the hon. member at the earliest possible opportunity.

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AIRPORTS**VANCOUVER—ALLEGED REFUSAL OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH PEOPLE ASKED TO LEAVE PROPERTIES BY END OF JULY**

Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport regarding the airport planning process now going on between the federal government and the airport community planning association of Richmond. Can the minister advise the House why Mr. Bill Inglis, the airport manager, and Mr. Lenahan, the regional administrator of the Department of Transport refused to meet with the people who are being asked to leave their properties by the end of July?

Mr. Speaker: I would think that question could be placed on the order paper. If there is urgency it could be given priority for consideration at the time of adjournment.

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MANPOWER**LOCAL INITIATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS—STEPS TO ASSURE MONEY PROPERLY SPENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR**

Mr. A. D. Hales (Wellington): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration, the minister responsible for the operation of the Local Initiatives and Opportunities for Youth programs. In view of the very serious observations the Auditor General made in his last report that both these programs have had serious weaknesses in their administration, a lack of accounting records, and in some cases fraudulent and irregular procedures, what steps is the minister taking to make sure that the Canadian taxpayers' money is going to be spent properly and will be properly accounted for?

[Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton.)]

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, we have read carefully the comments of the Auditor General. I note that we would probably have some disagreement with some of his comments but we recognize the validity of others. We note also that the incidence of administrative weakness, or in some cases the possibility of improper practices, is very small indeed, particularly in relation to programs of this nature, something which is pleasing to us. Nevertheless we are going to take all possible steps to follow the advice of the Auditor General and will continue to improve our monitoring and auditing approach.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION**POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCT INDUSTRY IN SAINT-HYACINTHE**

Mr. Claude Wagner (Saint-Hyacinthe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

In view of the master agreement entered into by Ottawa and Quebec, and the fact that Saint-Hyacinthe has now been recognized as a designated area for incentives purposes, does the minister intend to confer with the Minister of Agriculture and their Quebec counterparts with a view to establishing a strong agricultural food product industry in Saint-Hyacinthe?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, the short answer is yes, and those discussions are already under way.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**REPRESENTATIONS BY GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN RELEASE OF TWO CANADIANS HELD CAPTIVE BY ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT IN ETHIOPIA**

Mr. A. D. Alkenbrack (Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, my question pertains to external affairs and I must direct it to the right hon. Prime Minister. It involves another strange anomaly of potential conflict of interest. Has the government made representations to the guerilla force known as the Eritrean Liberation Front, in or near Ethiopia, asking for the liberation of two Canadian taxpaying citizens, Donald Werderfort and Clifford James, now held captive by this guerilla group?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs dealt with this matter two days ago.

Mr. Alkenbrack: Can the Prime Minister inform the House as to the amount of money in the form of a grant that was obtained from the government by the above-named Eritrean Liberation Front which is now holding these two Canadians captive?