

*Inquiries of the Ministry***FISHERIES**

controllers at Montreal, Toronto, Edmonton, Moncton and other important air centres in Canada?

Hon. James Richardson (Minister of Supply and Services): I will be pleased to convey that request to the minister, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Thomas (Moncton): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Recognizing the fact that it takes five years to train a controller, and that five years from now we will need twice the number we presently have, will the minister undertake to make a second statement on motions in the near future to outline his plans for increasing the number of men training to be air traffic controllers?

WATER RESOURCES

PLACENTIA BAY, NFLD.—COMPENSATION TO FISHERMEN FOR LOSS THROUGH POLLUTION

Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries. Can the minister say whether consideration is being given by the government to assisting fishermen in the St. Marys and Placentia Bay areas whose livelihood has been affected by the pollution problem there?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): The answer is yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Carter: Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Can the minister inform the house whether officials of his department have reported to him as to their findings regarding the same problem?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Yes, Mr. Speaker, they have. I presume the hon. member is referring to the Placentia Bay area. I am hopeful that members from Newfoundland will meet with those officials later on this afternoon.

Mr. Jack Marshall (Humber-St. George's-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the minister of health. Would the minister advise as to the results of the investigations made by his department in the St. George's Bay area in western Newfoundland in regard to evidence of possible pollution?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, I may have misled the house yesterday when I indicated that my officials were in that area. They were in the Placentia Bay area rather than St. George's; but they do advise, as the hon. member will learn this afternoon, that the situation in St. George's Bay is not serious.

SALT COD—IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW POLICY

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I have a related question for the Minister of Fisheries. Is the minister in a position to announce whether or not the advisory committee under the new salt cod policy has been established, and when can we expect implementation of this new policy?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): All of the members of this committee, Mr. Speaker, have been approached by letter. Most of them have already agreed to serve; the others, I hope, will do so very shortly. The committee will be meeting within the next ten days. The policy, as the hon. member knows, has already been announced, and it will be implemented in that form.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

DANGER ARISING FROM DISPOSABLE BOTTLES

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I have a question that I should like to direct to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. In light of the recent decision by the Ontario Federation of Home and School Associations to ask the provincial government to ban the sale of beverages in one-way bottles, can the minister now report on the outcome of his promise to try to get co-ordinated action with the provinces to deal with this dangerous, expensive, unsightly and increasing problem?

Mr. Speaker: Order. It seems to me that the hon. member is raising a question which, in my view, should be discussed by way of a statement on motions. I hope the hon. member will agree with me on this point.

Mrs. MacInnis: With great respect, Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question was going to point to the fact that we are just at the edge now of the litterbug season, and both from the standpoint of public safety as well as unsightly littering—

Mr. Speaker: Order. Had I known what the supplementary question was going to be I would have allowed the question.

Mrs. MacInnis: Then may I put that question to the minister.

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, there was some discussion of this subject with the