

political affiliation, as well as other provisions designed to ensure the equitable application of the agreements to all eligible people. While these agreements assign to the provinces, not the federal government, the direct responsibility for the implementation of the various programs, it should be emphasized that no complaint has been received by the Department of any discrimination in their application.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF IMMIGRANTS

Question No. 353—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the Department of the Secretary of State, through its Citizenship Branch, in co-operation with the provinces and territories, (a) conduct surveys in all areas of Canada where immigrants are settling to ascertain the special educational needs of immigrant women, (b) suggest programs by which these needs could be met, (c) make these needs and programs known to voluntary workers in the community, and (d) assist volunteers in the implementation of these training programs?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): (a) The Citizenship Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State has made recent studies of the needs of immigrants, including immigrant women, in all areas of Canada where immigrants are settling. (b) Programs by which these needs could be met are under study. (c) and (d) The regional liaison officers of the Citizenship Branch work closely with voluntary organizations in the community assisting in the adjustment of immigrants. As studies are completed and programs are developed regional liaison officers employ them in their work with the voluntary sector.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—LANGUAGE TRAINING PROGRAMS

Question No. 354—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the federal government, in co-operation with provinces and territories, review language training programs in order to ensure that the needs of immigrant women are being met?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): The Department of the Secretary of State is reviewing its language training agreements with the provinces to ensure that they adequately meet the needs of immigrants, including immigrant women. Preliminary discussions have been with most provinces on this matter.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—CONTINUATION OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM IN RELATION TO HOUSING

Question No. 355—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the federal government, in co-operation with the Northwest Territories, make sure that the education program in relation to housing is continued?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Home management supervisors have been working in the Baffin and Keewatin regions for several years for that express pur-

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pose and in both areas Eskimo women trainees work closely with the Supervisors with a view to taking over this responsibility as sufficient training is completed. Similar positions have now been established in the Fort Smith region and five trainee positions approved, all native northern women, to undergo training which will qualify them to take over senior positions in this field.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—RECOMMENDATION THAT GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGE ESKIMO AND INDIAN WOMEN TO TRAIN IN ADULT EDUCATION

Question No. 356—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the federal government encourage Eskimo and Indian women to take training in adult education for work in the northern communities?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has been successful in attaining the support of a number of agencies for adult basic education and up-grading programs. Band councils, social committees, local school boards, provincial Departments of Education, Canada Manpower and others share in the planning, organization, administration and financing of these programs. More programs involving more women are being developed at present and it is hoped that the number of native women participating in such programs will increase substantially in the near future.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—RECOMMENDATION THAT WOMEN BE CONSULTED IN THE USE OF CANADIAN SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

Question No. 357—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the Governments and organizations which plan to use the Canadian satellite telecommunications system (a) consult knowledgeable women as to the types and quality of programs and the hours of scheduling in order to meet the needs and convenience of women in Canada and (b) include women professionals and specialists in all branches of program production and broadcasting so that women will have equal opportunities with men in the development, operation and use of this new medium?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of Labour): Representatives of the English Services Division, the French Services Division and of Engineering Headquarters have been designed to study means of implementing applicable recommendations of the Report of the Royal Commission. Additionally, qualitative and quantitative assessments of the present situation within the CBC have gone forward to the Co-Ordinator, Status of Women. Measures to give effect to the above mentioned recommendation are part of the objectives for CBC personnel relations for 1973/74.

STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION—RECOMMENDATION THAT GOVERNMENTS PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CITIZENS' INFORMATION CENTRES

Question No. 358—**Mr. Howard:**

What action has been taken with the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that federal, provin-