

Mr. McKenzie: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Parliamentary Secretary about question No. 11. I have raised this matter a number of times. We are having extreme difficulty with Mr. Michael Warren of Canada Post with regard to obtaining information on the operations of Canada Post. I could make no headway with him in committee.

Will the Parliamentary Secretary inquire why I cannot get an answer to question No. 11 which was placed on the Order Paper over a year ago? It is in connection with the salary range of all 26 vice-presidents and regional directors. A year is far too long to answer a question like that. I would like him to find this out for us because Mr. Warren will be back in committee and this information will be very helpful.

I have raised this question also a number of times and perhaps the Parliamentary Secretary can explain what is causing the delay in answering question No. 13, which was originally placed on the Order Paper on November 18, 1981. It is with regard to—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert): Order, please. It is only necessary to mention the question number in order to get the reply from the Parliamentary Secretary.

Mr. McKenzie: Also question No. 2 asking why the Minister has two private parking stalls at the international airport. There is also the question which I placed on the Order Paper in October last year, question No. 5, a Public Works identity question.

The next one is extremely important to Manitoba. I would appreciate it if the Parliamentary Secretary would check into question No. 6 with regard to Secretary of State grants to multicultural groups in Manitoba. We want to find out who is receiving this funding. Is it just certain select groups?

A very important question was placed on the Order Paper in November last year, question No. 1 with regard to promotional practices in the Department of National Defence. There is considerable confusion. I would appreciate receiving an answer in a reasonable period of time.

I have raised some of these questions half a dozen times or more. We never get any kind of an answer as to what is causing the delay. I would like the commitment that the Parliamentary Secretary will come back with some kind of an answer, say next week, as to what is causing the delay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert): It is quite clear that there is no obligation on the part of the Government to reply. The Hon. Member can raise his points. He should mention only the question numbers and not elaborate too much on the questions themselves.

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member should know that I am not in a position to make any commitment on behalf of Ministers. The questions are submitted to the Ministers and the Departments. The Ministers make every effort to get the replies as they are able. I can but ask that the process be examined and that they speed up the process if possible. I will do that, but I certainly cannot make a commitment on behalf

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of the Minister to answer a question which, as you have said, Mr. Speaker, there is no obligation to answer in the first place.

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, I would like the attention of the Parliamentary Secretary for a second. When I was first elected to this Chamber, before questions were answered we would get notification that our question would be answered. We also received the answers at our desks here in the House of Commons. That system has changed recently. Answers now come to our office some 24 hours later. I wonder whether or not the Parliamentary Secretary, when he does answer a question, could see that we receive the answers in the House as well as receiving notification that the question is about to be answered.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Herbert): Order, please. That is a procedural matter and the Chair will look into it.

The questions as enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 62—NON-CONFIDENCE MOTION—YOUTH EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Wise:

That this House condemns the continuing failure of the Government's policies to restore even pre-recession levels of employment opportunities for young people at a time when hundreds of thousands of young Canadians are about to join the labour force from our schools and universities and Canada's unemployment rate for young adults remains the highest of any Western industrial nation.

And of the amendment of Mr. Deans:

That the motion be amended by deleting the period after the word "nation" and adding the following thereafter:

"—and in particular the Government's adoption of the United States interest rate and monetarist policies, thereby reducing employment opportunities for young Canadians."

Mr. Gerry St. Germain (Mission-Port Moody): Mr. Speaker, in continuing the debate on the motion of non-confidence in the Government opposite for its policies dealing with youth unemployment, I have only five minutes left to me and much material to cover.

I will first address the situation of the Ministry of State for Youth. I am glad to see that the Minister of State for Youth (Mrs. Hervieux-Payette) has arrived in the House. Such a Ministry would be an excellent idea if it were allowed to function as a Ministry of State. The Minister's mandate was to raise the public's awareness of the concerns of youth. With all