Inquiries of the Ministry INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Donald MacInnis (Cape Breton-East Richmond): I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Finance. Since the Minister of Labour has called into question the activities of the Minister of Finance, will the minister explain for the benefit of the House, particularly for the benefit of the Minister of Labour, just what he is doing as Minister of Finance?

Mr. Speaker: That statement should be made on motions.

Mr. MacInnis: I wish to follow up my original question by addressing a supplementary to the Minister of Labour. In order to satisfy his own curiosity and the curiosity of members on this side of the House, will the Minister of Labour ascertain from the Minister of Finance just what he is doing in that department, thereby informing himself and other members as to what is going on?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

NATIONAL DEFENCE

FUTURE USE OF CF-5 PLANES

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): I wish to direct my question to the Minister of National Defence. I will bring the discussion back to the pocketbook and ask about that multimillion dollar headache, the CF-5. Has any decision been made with regard to the future of the CF-5?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, my proposals with regard to the aircraft are before cabinet in the form of a white paper. When a decision is made in that regard, I hope to be able to announce it.

[Translation]

BILINGUALISM

ONTARIO—DISCONTINUANCE OF SPECIAL GRANTS TO BILINGUAL UNIVERSITIES

Mr. Gaétan-J. Serré (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the hon. Secretary of State.

Following the announcement by the Ontario Minister of Academic Affairs that special grants to bilingual universities, including those of Ottawa and Sudbury, will be discontinued effective next year, is it the intention of the hon. minister to enter into negotiations with provincial authorities to suggest that they should pursue this form of assistance which is necessary to the promotion of bilingualism in Ontario, or is he now in a position to tell the House whether the federal government intends to provide special assistance to the only two bilingual higher learning institutions in Ontario?

[Mr. Trudeau.]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I have been amazed by the news which was reported in this morning's papers. Hon. members know that, for the time being, the incentive policy for the teaching of official languages in Canada does not cover universities. However, some recommendations concerning higher education will be discussed with the provinces. I intend to take opportunity of these consultations to open the dialogue with provincial ministers in this regard and particularly with the Ontario minister.

Mr. Serré: Mr. Speaker, on a supplementary, I wonder if the hon. minister could tell us if he intends to extend the existing program with regard to the \$50 million assistance to second language teaching at the elementary, secondary and higher levels?

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, I think it is too early for me to answer this question.

[English]

YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—INCREASE IN MONEY ALLOCATED

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): My question is for the Secretary of State. In view of the concern felt among students across the country about the Opportunities for Youth program, can the minister tell us whether he has received any additional allocation of funds from Treasury Board in order that a greater number of programs can be accepted this summer?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Not yet, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

PROVISION OF GRANTS TO MANITOBA INDIAN BROTHERHOOD

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): I wish to direct my question to the Minister without Portfolio in charge of citizenship. Has the hon, gentleman yet replied in an affirmative way to telegrams he received yesterday and today from the Manitoba Indian Brotherhood to the effect that unless they get their grants for 1971 immediately they will have to cease operations and lay off their entire staff?

Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister without Portfolio): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Orlikow: Can the minister tell hon. members whether he has agreed to transmit the money in time in order that the operations of this very important organization can continue?

Mr. Stanbury: The grants are being transmitted as quickly as possible in light of the speed with which the financial information required is received from organizations