

*Points of Order*

one-third of this allocation has been spent. How many licences have been retired? Two hundred and fifty-two out of 14,000. That represents less than 2 per cent of the groundfish licences on the east coast, nowhere near the 50 per cent reduction that was targeted.

Given that the minister has already spent one third of his budget for a capacity reduction of only 2 per cent, can he explain how he intends to reach his 50 per cent target?

**Mr. Harbance Singh Dhaliwal (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member knows, the TAG program has a \$1.9 billion budget. Because more people applied and were approved, there is a shortfall in some parts of the program.

The total budget of \$1.9 billion will be respected. We will ensure that we live within our means. Within those programs is a retirement program and a training program. We will work closely with my colleague, the Minister of Human Resources Development, to ensure that we, stay within that budgetary program.

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Some adjustments will have to be made. Those retirement programs will be part of the overall program to deal with TAGS and to deal with the issues on the east coast.

**Mr. Mike Scott (Skeena, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary secretary acknowledges that cuts have been made to training, to green projects and to capacity reduction. The list goes on and on.

When the program was introduced it was clearly stated by the government that the program would only meet its financial targets if training, green projects and capacity reduction were successful at getting people off the program. Now that the government has slashed these programs and capacity reduction targets cannot be met, will the minister tell Atlantic fishermen what they are proposing to do when the \$1.9 billion run out?

**Mr. Harbance Singh Dhaliwal (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, these are the members of the Reform Party who after spending a weekend on the east coast were telling everybody the problems of the east coast. They do not have a clue about the problems of the east coast.

These are the same members who did not support TAGS. They wanted to cancel the whole TAGS program. I am very glad to see they have developed some understanding of the east coast problems by spending one weekend there.

I can assure the members that the training programs will continue. We will work closely with the Minister of Human Resources Development. There have to be some adjustments in the program. The green projects are continuing.

I hope the member will make another trip to the east coast so that he can see the training programs, so that he can see the green programs that continue to help with the disaster on the east coast.

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**BREAST CANCER**

**Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, this is breast cancer awareness month. Although progress has been made, much more needs to be done to eliminate breast cancer. Can the Minister of Health tell the House if the government has met its goals and what is further being done to eliminate breast cancer in Canada?

**Hon. Diane Marleau (Minister of Health, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, we have done considerable work to ensure that more and more dollars are channelled toward research in breast cancer.

Within our department we have reallocated an additional \$2 million a year. Better still, along with those additional dollars we are working very closely in partnership with other groups so that huge sums of money are now being expended on breast cancer research.

We are not only doing more in research for breast cancer; we are also funding such things as the breast cancer information exchange projects. We are participating in setting standards of care and professional education so that the women of Canada have uniform, first class care when they are diagnosed with breast cancer. We are participating in the Canadian breast cancer screening initiative, one method of early intervention so that more people can be cured when breast cancer is detected at an earlier stage.

We will continue to do everything we can with the resources of Health Canada. We will also work in partnership with many other groups which have a very big interest in seeing this disease minimized, if not completely abolished.

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**POINTS OF ORDER****QUESTION PERIOD**

**Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Solicitor General of Canada, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, during question period I was asked a question by the critic for the solicitor general from the Reform Party, the member for Calgary Northeast. He alleged that in section 135 of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act the solicitor general is empowered to direct the parole board to cancel or suspend parole.

I have before me section 135 of the act. I see no reference whatsoever to any power of that sort given to the solicitor general. It says rather that this power can be exercised by a member of the parole board or a person designated by the