

Inquiries of the Ministry

service between Barrie and Toronto called the students' Experimental Transit System, and if so has the minister given his support to this application?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I believe this is a question which normally ought to be placed on the order paper or considered at the time of adjournment, but perhaps the minister might reply.

Mr. Rynard: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker. This question cannot be put on the order paper in view of the time taken to answer such questions in the past because this proposal has to take effect in the next few days.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member perhaps may not have heard my suggestion that the minister could reply to the question.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I hesitate to answer the question because that project in probably one of the 20,000 or so we received within the last six days; if I tried to answer I would be afraid of getting off the track.

[English]

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): A supplementary—

Mr. Rynard: A supplementary—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Hon. members will notice that quite a few supplementaries are sought on this question. The hon. member for Egmont on a supplementary.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH—REQUEST FOR
STATEMENT ON NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND
METHOD OF PROCESSING

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): A supplementary question. I wonder if the minister would agree to make a statement on motions soon to indicate whether there might be some interim report on the number of applications received and, more important, the way in which applications will be processed, in view of the fact that the vast majority of them will not be accepted by the department?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH—REQUEST FOR THOROUGH
REPORT ON PROGRAM

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): A supplementary question for the Secretary of State. In view of the firm undertaking made by the minister in this House on December 8 that a more thorough report on the Opportunities for Youth program than that tabled in the House on December 7 would be available before the end of the year, can the minister indicate whether he still intends to table that report and if not what his reasons are?

[Mr. Rynard.]

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Very soon, Mr. Speaker. It is a matter of printing.

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[English]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC EXPANSION

NEW BRUNSWICK—POSSIBLE REVISION OF 1966
AGREEMENT

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): I wish to direct a question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. In view of statements as far back as 1968 that the 1966 FRED agreement for north-eastern New Brunswick was to be revised, and in view of acknowledged problems with the original agreement, can the minister indicate if a revised agreement has been concluded for this multi-million dollar project?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, I hope we will be able to sign this agreement soon.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East.

Mr. Burton: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I wonder whether the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East would be patient for at least a moment. I would bow to the hon. member's supplementary, and then recognize the hon. member for Dartmouth-Halifax East. The hon. member for Regina East on a supplementary.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON EVALUATION OF IMPACT
OF REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Mr. John Burton (Regina East): In view of the millions of dollars being spent on this and other FRED projects, can the minister indicate if any evaluation has been made of the impact of these programs on increased employment and improved income and living standards and would he be prepared to make any such evaluation available to the House or to the Standing Committee on Regional Development?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Mr. Speaker, as we said it is an agreement between the provincial and the federal governments. We have considered the situation, assessed and corrected what appeared to us as defects in the agreement, and now I believe it will not be too long before we sign it.

I shall be ready to supply the committee with all relevant information.