

views to Israeli ambassador". In French, the same title reads:

[Translation]

Le raid israélien au Liban—L'opportunité de la remise d'une note de condoléances à l'ambassadeur d'Israël

Mr. Speaker, I believe the situation is tragic enough without adding to it a note of irony and I would ask that the official record be accordingly corrected so that the two titles faithfully reflect the question asked in English.

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

[Text]

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: 3,191, 3,335, 3,519, 3,557, 3,576, 3,584 and 3,621.

I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

FRANCOPHONE EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Question No. 3,191—Mr. Whittaker:

1. What are the number of francophone employees working in the Department of the Secretary of State (a) how many are Canadian (b) how many speak French only?

2. Are they required to speak or learn the other official language and, if not, for what reason?

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): 1. 1,438 Francophone employees. (a) In order to obtain this information, it would be necessary to check the personal file of each person. (b) 290 speak French only.

2. These Francophone employees must speak the other official language if they hold bilingual positions and, consequently, the unilingual people who apply for or hold bilingual positions must learn the other official language in accordance with the guidelines adopted in the Resolution on the official languages passed by Parliament in June 1973.

ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL LIBRARIES

Question No. 3,335—Mr. Forrestall:

Will the Department of the Secretary of State give consideration to applications from the Government of Nova Scotia for funds to assist regional libraries such as the Dartmouth Regional Library and (a) if so, what procedure should be followed (b) if not, for what reason?

Miss Coline Campbell (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State): No. (a) Not applicable. (b) Funding of regional libraries is a provincial responsibility.

Order Paper Questions

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES

Question No. 3,519—Mr. Forrestall:

What is the role of the Treasury Board in monitoring the funding of multicultural programmes and activities conducted under the auspices of the Department of the Secretary of State?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): The Treasury Board does not monitor as such the funding of the multiculturalism program of the Department of the Secretary of State. The Department, however, must seek Treasury Board approval to pay any grant exceeding \$20,000 from within the allotment authorized by Parliament. In the case of grants under \$20,000, the Secretary of State is delegated responsibility to make payments in accordance with terms and conditions approved by the Treasury Board.

CASES OF ABDUCTION

Question No. 3,557—Mr. Reynolds:

1. Would the Minister of External Affairs advise what his progress is on the abduction cases of (a) Mrs. Stephanie Gribbon, Surrey, British Columbia, one child abducted and taken to Portugal in 1973 (b) Mrs. Jean Hobbs, Victoria, British Columbia, three children abducted and taken to the United States in 1972 (c) Mrs. Nicolette, Vancouver, British Columbia, three children abducted and taken to Italy in 1973 (d) Mrs. Mildred Clarke, Mission, British Columbia, five children abducted and taken to the Philippines in 1974?

2. Could the Minister advise if any legislation is being drafted which will assist in these cases?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Secretary of State for External Affairs): 1. (a) In the case of Mrs. Gribben, in response to a request by the British Columbia authorities that the father be extradited from Portugal to face abduction charges in Canada, the Department obtained a legal opinion from Portugal that extradition was not possible in the circumstances and that Mrs. Gribben must seek a custody order in the Court of Minors in Portugal. In addition the Department has consulted with the local welfare authorities concerning the well being of the child. (b) The Department has not been contacted by Mrs. Hobbs. (c) The Department has not been contacted by Mrs. Nicolette. (d) In the case of Mrs. Clarke, the Canadian Embassy in Manila has informed the Philippines Department of Foreign Affairs, the Philippines Department of Justice and the Manila Metropolitan Police that the children are believed to be in the Philippines. The Embassy has been assured of the co-operation of these agencies in locating the children. To date, however, these agencies have not located the children. The Department of External Affairs has informed the Philippines authorities that, if the children are located and ordered to be returned to Canada, the Canadian Government is prepared to repatriate them.

2. The legislation of the jurisdiction in which the children are located determines the conditions under which they may be ordered by local authorities to be returned to Canada. The Department of External Affairs can only bring the matter to the attention of the local authorities and request their assistance in arranging for the return of the children to Canada.