Blenkarn slams language head

Don Blenkarn has accused federal commissioner of official languages Max Yalden of "abusing your mandate and the taxpayers of the country.

Mr. Blenkarn has criticized the Treasury Board for spending \$1.3 million on a game called Explorations, which is to be distributed to children to help promote a better understanding of other cultures and languages.

Mr. Yalden replied that

the educational kit tries to sensitize young Canadians to the multiplicity of languages in all corners of the world.

"We also hope they will appreciate that English and French are among the most widely used languages in the world and that Canadians should perhaps see it as an advantage rather than a burden that they are our

In Mr. Blenkarn's reply

exceeded his role in policing the Official Languages Act and has become "the promoter of languages.

While the MP said he has always supported the Official Languages Act and the commissioner, he said he couldn't accept the idea that Mr. Yalden is all of a sudden endow ed with the right to spend the public's money promoting games, or promoting an under-standing of languages generally to the Canadian

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