

renewal programs already started. It would be of great help to all concerned if a yes or no answer could be given.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, it is just not that simple, because the hon. member is inquiring about 300 and some schemes which have not yet been started. Without reviewing each one of them it would be impossible to give an assurance as to whether or not they will go forward at this time, taking into account the over-all priority on government spending.

REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATIONS
FOLLOWING REPORT OF
TASK FORCE

Mr. Andrew Brewin (Greenwood): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I think it was about three weeks ago that the minister said he was making urgent recommendations to the cabinet arising out of the report of the task force. As I say, that was about three weeks ago. The minister at that time said we could expect a government statement on housing policy. How long do we have to wait until this statement is made?

Mr. Hellyer: Not very long, Mr. Speaker.

THE MINISTRY

POSSIBLE SHELIVING OF URBAN AFFAIRS
PORTFOLIO

Mr. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton Centre): Mr. Speaker, in view of the strong objection by the governments of Ontario and Quebec is the federal government shelving the idea of establishing a ministry of urban affairs?

[Translation]

INQUIRY OF THE MINISTRY

Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister.

Since the recent federal-provincial conference, the Prime Minister has taken pleasure in repeating on the C.B.C. network, during the program "Deux plus un" for instance, that money does not grow on or under trees. Could he tell us where money grows?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Such a question should be directed to the Minister of Agriculture.

Mr. Caouette: Mr. Speaker, you are right in referring me to the Minister of Agriculture, who is an expert in money growing, and to whom I direct my question.

Inquiries of the Ministry

[English]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SOUTH VIET NAM—SHELLING OF CANADIAN
HOSPITAL—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON
SAFETY OF CANADIAN PERSONNEL

Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, my question to the Prime Minister relates to the Viet Cong, North Vietnamese forces making a shelling attack on the Canadian t.b. hospital in South Viet Nam, in which a Canadian doctor was killed and the hospital completely destroyed. I ask the Prime Minister whether the other Canadian personnel are safe, and will he tell us something about their well-being? Second, can the Prime Minister report to the house with regard to this incident, which I believe happened about three days ago?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I cannot report because I do not know about the incident. But I am quite sure the Secretary of State for External Affairs, under whose jurisdiction this matter falls, will be pleased to do so when he is in the house.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T.—ALLEGED DEGRADING
REGULATIONS IN AKAITCHO HALL

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. He will no doubt recall that on two days last week I asked him questions dealing with the degrading rules and regulations to which the residents of Akaitcho Hall in Yellowknife are being subjected. In reply the minister said he would look into the matter. I wonder whether he can give an answer today.

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Yes, Mr. Speaker. I was ready to answer Friday, but since the hon. member was not in the house, I had to wait till today in order to do it.

Mr. Speaker, I have considered the problem raised by the hon. member for York South regarding regulations in force at Akaitcho Hall, in Yellowknife, and I have asked the commissioner of the Northwest Territories, Mr. Hodgson, to see that those regulations are not discriminatory. I have also asked him to discuss the institution with the authorities, the parents and the students, in order to come up with a solution that will maintain order