

**Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of the Environment):** Yes, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Nesbitt:** I am sorry, Your Honour, but if they have discussed this matter what do they intend to do about it?

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#### CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

##### ADEQUACY OF INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY STATISTICS CANADA

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the minister responsible for Statistics Canada with reference to information they have provided concerning the question of capital punishment to Members of Parliament and the national press. From the point of view of categorizing and breaking down the information and in view of the increase of 100 per cent in murders and violent crimes, why was that information not sent with the other information? Was there any reason?

**Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I am informed that these statistics were prepared for publication in Murder Statistics, 1971 and Murders Reported, 1961-1970. Due to the time requirements of the printing process, these publications will not become available for approximately two months. It is Statistics Canada's normal policy, especially if there is prior evidence of public interest or concern, to provide advance information regarding forthcoming publications just as soon as the relevant data are available.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. I might divide it into two parts. First of all, has the minister taken note of the fact that the national newspapers say they could not obtain this information and will it now be supplied to all Members of Parliament and the national press at their request?

**Mr. Gillespie:** Mr. Speaker, the Murder Statistics tabulations are complete and the data are available upon request. I can inform the hon. member of the telephone number if he would like it.

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[Translation]

#### MANPOWER

##### LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—APPROVAL OF PROJECTS

**Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

In view of the fact that many people who submitted local initiatives projects have not received an answer yet, may I ask the minister when these requests will be approved or turned down?

[English]

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, this was dealt with on the late show last night to a degree, as I believe the hon. member

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opposite mentioned. At the moment \$148 million of the \$165 million allocated has been approved, including some 5,000 projects. This is 5,000 out of 15,053 projects for a total of \$480 million in applications received. We are holding about \$10 million to look after the special section for entrepreneurial, co-operative and business projects, which we will hold for a little while longer to deal with such special applications. The rest will go generally to administration. So we are very close to the end of the allocation this year, and all project sponsors will be advised shortly as to whether or not their projects have been approved.

[Translation]

##### LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROJECTS BY MEMBERS OF PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

**Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Manpower and Immigration responsible for the Local Initiatives Program.

Could he tell us whether it is the policy of his department to allow municipal LIP projects to be announced by members or ministers of provincial legislative assemblies before these projects are approved by the federal government?

[English]

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** No, Mr. Speaker. That is not the policy of the department. If the hon. member can give me some examples I would be glad to look into how it might have happened.

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#### AIRPORTS

##### VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL—PROPOSED RUNWAY—DATE OF COMPLETION OF EXPROPRIATION HEARINGS

**Mr. John Reynolds (Burnaby-Richmond-Delta):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport regarding the Hudson Street bridge contract. In the minister's telegram to me on January 16 he assured me that any contracts which are directly affected by the outcome of the Burkeville area expropriation hearings will not be awarded until after the results of the hearings are known. When does the minister expect these expropriation hearings to be over?

**Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, I will have to ask those who are conducting the hearings when they think the hearings will be over. I do not know now.

**Mr. Reynolds:** Will the minister now tell the House when these expropriation hearings will start? They have not yet started.