

of taxation policy ever undertaken in this country, and it was considered of great importance, so as to minimize the delay in dealing with this matter, that officers of the department should be able to see some of the draft chapters. I have not seen any of them, but they were made available to the officers of the department so that the public interest in these matters would be served by a minimum of delay.

Mr. Speaker, as I have said in Toronto, and I think also in this house, it is not the intention of the government to incorporate in the forthcoming budget any of the recommendations of the commission. The commission's findings will be available for study by the public and by the members of this house for some time, even before the government makes up its mind. But the matters are of such great complexity that to wait until the report is laid on the table before the government officials have an opportunity of seeing it would only delay the implementation of the government's decisions—which have not yet been made, of course; indeed, we have not seen the report. It is most important that as soon as this report has been studied both by the government and by the public there should be the minimum of delay before the government makes up its mind how it is going to act.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Burnaby-Coquitlam): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Could we have some assurance from the Prime Minister that this is not to be a continuing practice? There may be, as the minister has said, some special circumstances, although I am not completely convinced yet; but can we have some assurance from the Prime Minister that it is not going to be a continuing practice that draft copies of reports of royal commissions are going to be submitted privately to the government prior to the reports being presented to His Excellency the Governor General?

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I agree that it should not be a continuing or a normal practice.

EDUCATION

SUPPLEMENTAL AND PER CAPITA GRANTS TO UNIVERSITIES

On the orders of the day:

Mr. J. P. Nowlan (Digby-Annapolis-Kings): Mr. Speaker, I wish to address a question to the Prime Minister. I apologize for not giving

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him notice, but until the division bells rang I thought I had until 2.30 this afternoon. However, I hope to catch on before long.

The announcement the Prime Minister made on Thursday last in connection with grants to education was certainly most welcome, I know, in Canada and particularly in the maritime provinces. Having just returned from the maritime provinces this week end I should like to ask whether the supplemental grants and the per capita grants he referred to will mean that the universities in the maritime provinces, which have a higher proportion of out of province students, will receive more than the \$5 per capita.

Right Hon. L. B. Pearson (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the application of the various criteria, including the number of out of province students in universities, to ensure that the average across the country would be \$5, has resulted in a very complicated formula. Offhand I cannot give my hon. friend the information as to how it would apply to each separate province.

Mr. Nowlan: I appreciate that this is a complicated formula, but does it mean there is to be a ceiling of \$5 per capita?

Mr. Pearson: No, there will be some universities receiving more than that figure.

Mr. G. L. Chatterton (Esquimalt-Saanich): Can the Prime Minister advise us whether the program with regard to bursaries and scholarships will be implemented early enough for students to know before they enrol that this help will be available?

Mr. Pearson: I should like to think this could be done, but I am informed that if it were to be done the legislation would have to be passed within the next few weeks. I can assure hon. members that the legislation will be brought in as quickly as possible, and I hope it will be passed as quickly as possible. Whether this will be done in time for the next academic year, I cannot be sure.

POSSIBILITY OF JOINING EDUCATION ORGANIZATION UNDER UNESCO

On the orders of the day:

Mr. H. W. Herridge (Kootenay West): I am most grateful, Mr. Speaker, that you have recognized me on my fourteenth rising. I wish to address a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs; it is one which has aroused national and current interest in certain circles.