

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

required, may I ask whether such a document has been sent to the B.C. Legislature? If not, when will it be sent?

**Mr. Greene:** I have discussed the question with the British Columbia minister in charge of water quality in that province, and I am certain we can move in such a way as to meet his views and deal with this problem.

**Mr. David Anderson (Esquimalt-Saanich):** Perhaps my supplementary will take care of the one in the mind of the hon. member for Vancouver-Kingsway, who I see is trying to catch your eye, Mr. Speaker. Is it the intention of the minister to send Bills C-105 and C-180, both of which deal with the banning of phosphates, to the committee in order that these bills can be examined at the same time to determine whether it would be desirable to incorporate their provisions in the Canada Water Act?

**Mr. Greene:** I am not sure as to the present status of those bills. As far as phosphates and detergents are concerned I believe we already have the information required, and we are prepared to take whatever action is necessary.

**Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Will the minister give a definite assurance that legislation will be introduced during the present session to ban detergents—phosphate detergents?

**Mr. Greene:** Phosphates in detergents. As I said, the exact method by which we shall proceed has not been decided, but I can assure the hon. lady, who has taken a great interest in this matter, that whatever action we take to regulate and ban this substance will be taken as quickly as possible.

**Mrs. MacInnis:** The minister did not hear my question. I asked whether legislation would be introduced this session.

**Mr. Greene:** If that is the method which is required as a means of control, then, in fact, it will be.

**HARBOURS****COME-BY-CHANCE—PROVISION OF DOCKING FACILITIES FOR OIL REFINERY OPERATIONS**

**Mr. Walter C. Carter (St. John's West):** My question should be directed to the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Speaker, but in his absence and in the absence of his Parliamentary Secretary perhaps the Minister of

Finance will answer it. Has the government conducted or caused to be conducted a feasibility study into the proposed Come-By-Chance oil refinery? I am asking this question because of the government's reluctance to approve an application for financial assistance to the company in connection with private docking facilities.

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the impression that this is the type of question which would normally be placed on the Order Paper. If there is urgency, however, the minister might be allowed to reply.

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** I think I would prefer to wait until the Minister of Public Works is here. The question is really directed to him.

[Translation]

**POLLUTION****MONTREAL—PUBLICATION OF REPORTS ON AIR CONTAMINATION—INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION**

**Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova):** Mr. Speaker, I wanted to direct a question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare but since he is not here I will put it to his parliamentary secretary.

Has the minister undertaken an inquiry on air pollution in Canada bearing in mind the recent reports on the situation in Montreal and, if so, does the intend to make these reports public in the House or elsewhere?

[English]

**Mr. Stanley Haidasz (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the Department of National Health and Welfare is conducting a national air sampling program in conjunction with the provinces. I believe the minister will decide any question related to the reports which will be available.

[Translation]

**Mr. Comeau:** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question.

Are these reports complete and does the department intend to bring in legislation in this respect at the next session?

[English]

**Mr. Haidasz:** This is a matter of government policy which will be announced in due course.