

that the hon. member is asking whether a statement will be made on motions. With this restriction in mind the question will be allowed.

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): It is a suggestion which I am ready to consider, Mr. Speaker.

[English]

THE MINISTRY

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question of the Prime Minister, and I refer to the same occasion in Montreal. Was the Secretary of State expressing government policy when he said in Montreal that he often considers the Department of the Secretary of State as a federal ministry of cultural affairs and, if so, is it the intention to change the name of the department formally in order that this intention may be explicit?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the answer is yes to the first part and no to the second part.

HARBOURS

VANCOUVER, B.C.—THIRD CROSSING OVER INNER HARBOUR

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, anticipating your usual understanding and benevolence, I should like to direct my question to the Minister of Public Works. In view of the fact the government is committed to constructing a third crossing over the inner harbour at Vancouver, and of the special engineering report, which is now several weeks overdue, according to the contract let with this company last August, can the minister now state when the report is now expected, so that local planning can take place and the calling for tenders can proceed without further undue delay?

Hon. Arthur Laing (Minister of Public Works): Mr. Speaker, I should like to draw to the attention of the hon. member the fact that this work is being undertaken by the National Harbours Board. The minister who answers for that board is the Minister of Transport.

Mr. Winch: In view of that answer, and I understood this was within the responsibility of the Department of Public Works, may I direct this question to the Minister of Trans-

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port, anticipating the same confusion created in the past in respect of other matters?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I regret that I cannot answer with that degree of co-operation indicated by the hon. member. I can only say that I intend to go personally to Vancouver to get a firsthand view and a clear picture of the situation, in order that matters may proceed without undue delay.

[Translation]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

MONTREAL—INVESTIGATION INTO DEATH OF MALE

Mr. Henry Latulippe (Compton): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Justice.

It seems that homosexuality is taking alarming proportions in Montreal. Could the minister tell the house whether he has received representations from the parents of the young man who died from sexual overexertion at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth on April 3 and whether he will intervene in this case to bring to light the motives of that crime?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am under the impression that the hon. member is bringing to the question period the subject of the debate that has been on for a few days and that will be carried on this afternoon.

If there is some urgency with respect to the particular point he is raising, the matter could be brought up at the time of adjournment.

[English]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE STUDY FOLLOWING APPOINTMENT OF PRICES AND INCOMES COMMISSION

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs whether, in view of the pending appointment of a prices and incomes commission and amendments to the Combines Investigation Act, it is his intention to recommend the setting up of a special parliamentary committee?

Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I want first of all to clear up the implication in the question that both these are pending at the same rate. I hope to announce very shortly the appointment of the prices and incomes