

Order Paper Questions

Mr. Smith: In the event that the Hon. Member's information is correct, I will do what I can to expedite the tabling of that answer.

Mr. Stevens: Madam Speaker, I, too, have a question on the Order Paper which I would like to—

Mr. Smith: Which one is that?

Mr. Stevens:—gently remind the Parliamentary Secretary is still unanswered. This is undoubtedly an oversight, in that I asked it on January 29, 1981. It simply asked: "What was the total cost of the Prime Minister's December 1980-January 1981 world tour? What percentage of the total cost of the trip will be paid by the Canadian taxpayer?" It is question No. 2,042.

Mr. Lewis: Give us the percentages.

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, it is correct that the Hon. Member has raised this matter before. I believe that at least one Department has not completed the necessary information to answer that question, but I will see what I can do to give it a great deal of priority and I will look into the matter on behalf of the Hon. Member.

● (1510)

Mr. Stevens: Madam Speaker, while the Parliamentary Secretary is putting that on the fast track—I understand there is a new "clear all" bureaucracy process over there—could he also look at questions Nos. 3,216 through 3,220 inclusive, all of which deal with the Prime Minister's jaunts to various areas of the world, including Mexico, Australia, Korea, Fiji, Washington, D.C., New York and Algeria. These all go back to 1981. Could we please have an answer as soon as possible showing what it has really cost the Canadian taxpayer?

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, I will be happy to look into that on behalf of the Hon. Member. I should point out to the Hon. Member that those trips, which he regrettably and mistakenly referred to as jaunts, have all been official business and they are every bit as legitimate as the frequent trips which the Hon. Member takes to return to his constituency. It goes with the job, Madam Speaker.

Mr. Stevens: All we want to know is the cost.

Mr. McKenzie: Madam Speaker, would the Parliamentary Secretary please look into two questions of mine, one of which has been on the Order Paper since November 18, 1981. It has to do with Liberal Cabinet Ministers' travels. The question reads:

Did the (a) Minister of Supply and Services (b) Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (c) Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development take a Jetstar flight to Winnipeg for the official opening of General Aluminum Forgings Incorporated on October 30, 1981 and, if so, in each case, other than the Minister and the aircraft crew, who was on the flight?

That question has been on the Order Paper well over a year and a half. I am sure there has got to be some mistake to account for why there has been no reply. I would appreciate it

if the Parliamentary Secretary would check into what is causing the delay.

Now for about the eighth time I have inquired about question No. 4,175. This question was placed on the Order Paper on March 24, 1982. This question inquires about the Government's hiring teams that are going to universities in apparently just two Provinces, according to the information I have. I have asked in my question for details as to whether these hiring teams will be going to any other Provinces and will they be going to universities in Manitoba. I have asked what nationalities in particular these teams are hiring. The information I have is that only one nationality is being hired for these Government jobs, which seems highly discriminatory.

I have spoken in committee to some of the Ministers, who have told me that they have filed the information with the proper sources. The Parliamentary Secretary has told me a number of times that he will get an answer for me as to what is causing the delay, Madam Speaker. I ask him once again to make some inquiries and inform me why the delay in answering question No. 4,175 which was placed on the Order Paper on March 24, 1982.

Mr. Smith: Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member is correct; he has raised this matter in the House before. I regret at this point that I am not able to table the answer but I will be delighted to look into the matter on behalf of the Hon. Member.

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 62—YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Keeper:

That this House condemn the tragic implications of monetarist economic policies adopted by this Government that resulted in 24 per cent unemployment among young Canadians and that deny reasonable job prospects for the 300,000 young Canadians graduating from post-secondary institutions this Spring.

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills): Mr. Speaker, when I was speaking to this non-confidence motion in the Government on which we will vote later today, it reminded me that we are once again giving Government backbenchers an opportunity to rise and do something for their constituents and for the nation; that is, to put the Liberal Cabinet out of power so the people of Canada can have a fresh choice as to which group of men and women and which Party they want to lead them over the next few years.