

Inquiries of the Ministry

[Translation]

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR REGULATION OF SALE OF TOY FIREARMS

Mr. Georges Valade (Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I intended to put a question to the Minister of Justice but in his absence, I shall direct it to the Prime Minister.

Will the government consider the opportunity of bringing forward legislation to prohibit in Canada the import, manufacturing and distribution of false firearms sold as toys, in view of the proliferation of such toy guns and the dangers they represent for our youth and the police forces in Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I know the matter of firearms has been raised in the past in the House and the Minister of Justice has said that he was examining it but, as I see it, if the question deals with toys, it should be put to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs who, as we all know, has already taken steps to protect children against dangerous toys. I will make sure that the question is drawn to his attention.

Mr. Valade: Mr. Speaker, I should like to put a supplementary question to the Prime Minister, since he has agreed to answer my question.

Since during the Christmas season a considerable number of toy firearms appear on the market, could the government take immediate steps to prevent such proliferation at this time?

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AIRPORTS

WINNIPEG REGION—GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATION IN SERVICING SMALL FACILITIES

Mr. Jack McIntosh (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport. Is it the intention of the minister to phase out all federal government participation in servicing small airports by removing snow-clearing equipment and other DOT services in what is known as the Winnipeg region?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I would have to have something a little more specific as to the region, but I can assure the hon. member that there is no such policy. There may be an airport or two where something is being done, but perhaps we can consult in this regard and the hon. member can give me more specific information.

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AIR TRANSPORT

WINNIPEG-REGINA—REGIONAL AIR POLICY

Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport. Now that TransAir has discontinued its service between Winnipeg and Regina, will the minister review the regional air policy for this area so that adequate

[Mr. Lang.]

regional air services may be provided and thereby maintain services at these airports?

Mr. Speaker: Order. This is obviously not a supplementary question but the minister might be allowed to reply to it so we can save 30 seconds.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will take a look at this.

Mr. John Lundrigan (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Minister of Transport when we can expect a full statement on regional air policy and the implications for regional airports so we can get a full measure of public reaction, hopefully in support of that policy?

Mr. Jamieson: Mr. Speaker, whether it be regional air policy or air policy generally, it tends to be an ongoing thing. I reaffirm the air policy stated about a year ago which added certain elements to it. There have been certain changes since that time. Perhaps the most appropriate place where we might be able to get full disclosure of the sort the hon. member wants is before one of the committees, and I would be happy to appear before such committee. However, I am not anticipating preparation or release of what might be described as a new regional air policy in total form in the foreseeable future.

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AIRPORTS

TORONTO—ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED SITES FOR NEW FACILITY

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Transport. I understand that the minister is considering four sites only for the second international airport near Toronto. In view of the fact that the minister has been considering this matter for over a year, can the minister give the House an indication of the target date for advising the House and the nation regarding these sites, having provided safeguards to prevent speculation, so that the Canadian people can have what has been called participatory democracy?

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): It is precisely because we are anxious to have a maximum amount of participatory democracy that this problem has arisen. If we wish to make an arbitrary choice of a site and just lay it on the table as having been completed and done with, that is one thing. What we are seeking to do is to secure the maximum amount of co-operation and participation with the provinces and the municipalities, including metropolitan Toronto. In order to do this we have to give people choices and in order to make choices available we have to show alternative sites. The difficulty, as I have told the House on previous occasions, is to find a means by which we can prevent land speculation during this period of public participation. I am happy to say that I have the full co-operation of the government of Ontario and that our officials are meeting jointly this