

Inquiries of the Ministry

asked him whether he would be prepared or would ask an appropriate minister to make a statement on motions in the near future outlining to the House the measures that the government proposes to adopt and follow relating to the enforcement of Bill C-202, establishing anti-pollution control in the Arctic waters?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, it is true that the Leader of the Opposition asked me this, and at the time I answered him that the bill is still before the House. It is still before the standing committee, so I see no need to make such a statement.

Mr. Stanfield: The Prime Minister will recall, on reflection, that he said he would consult his ministers to see whether such a statement should be made. I ask him to bear in mind that the bill itself does not deal with the question of enforcement. In view of the importance of establishing the will of Parliament to combat pollution in the north, would the Prime Minister not agree that it is equally important that we know what measures the government proposes to adopt to enforce this bill? That is the question I asked the Prime Minister.

Mr. Speaker: I am sure the Leader of the Opposition would agree that his supplementary question is argumentative and cannot be accepted procedurally.

HOWE SOUND—RESULTS OF TESTS OF FISH

Mr. Harold E. Winch (Vancouver East): May I direct a question to the Minister of Fisheries and Forestry. I ask this question in the hope that the minister's reply can assist members of the House of Commons from the British Columbia coast. Is it possible for the minister to advise us how long he anticipates the scientific analysis of fish at Howe Sound will take in order to determine whether or not the present closure should be continued or relaxed?

Hon. Jack Davis (Minister of Fisheries and Forestry): I hope we will get the results on Monday, if not today.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

PROVISION OF HOUSING ON ESKASONI RESERVE

Mr. Robert Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): My question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In

[Mr. Stanfield.]

view of the continual representations by the residents of the Eskasoni Indian reservation deploring the poor and inadequate housing and the lack of adequate money for housing, would the minister at the first opportunity ascertain if remedial action can be taken to correct this serious problem?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I am aware of the situation in which the Indians in the Eskasoni reservation, on Cape Breton, find themselves. I know that they are facing housing problems that need immediate attention and to which I shall give particular consideration. The hon. member must understand that we find the same problem in all parts of Canada and that it is always difficult to set priorities. If there is a more urgent problem at the Eskasoni reservation than elsewhere, it will be looked into immediately.

[English]

Mr. Muir (Cape Breton-The Sydneys): Would the minister not agree that situations where 10 to 12 citizens of Canada live in three or four rooms are probably not too common?

[Translation]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I know that the situation brings particular hardships—

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

AIRPORTS

NEW BRUNSWICK—STUDY OF SITE

Mr. Thomas M. Bell (Saint John-Lancaster): I have a question for the Minister of Transport further to a question asked on November 4 by the hon. member for Moncton. Can the minister indicate what progress has been made with the study of traffic patterns in the Maritimes and the possibility of a central New Brunswick jet airport? I ask this question because the minister, very commendably, has some transportation meetings scheduled in New Brunswick and undoubtedly this information would be required.

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): If the hon. member will permit, I will take the question as notice so as to get the most up-to-date details and I will try to answer it early next week.