

[English]

Mr. Dinsdale: Can the minister indicate how this grant of \$3.8 million to Micro-Max Products Ltd. of Kalamazoo compares with assistance that has been given to the independent Canadian drug industry?

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I do not think that question can be asked or answered at this time.

CO-ORDINATION OF ACTIVITIES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES
OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the minister. What steps is he taking to co-ordinate the activities of his department under the Regional Development Incentives Act with the responsibilities of other departments of government?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Marchand (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, and much to my regret, I have no authority over other departments.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Spadina.

Mr. Ryan: I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare.

Mr. McGrath: On a point of order, Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I apologize to the hon. member for Spadina who has the floor, but I understand the hon. member for St. John's East has a point of order.

Mr. McGrath: Yes, Mr. Speaker. The minister either did not hear my question or did not understand it. I asked the minister what efforts he was making to co-ordinate the activities of his department, with respect to incentives, with the responsibilities and regulations of other departments under statutes of Parliament?

[Translation]

Mr. Marchand (Langelier): Mr. Speaker, the only way to effect co-ordination in a government structure such as ours is through the cabinet and its committees, and this is done regularly, and we try to reconcile our policies and to co-ordinate them.

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[English]

CANADA ASSISTANCE PLAN

EXTENSION TO COVER PROVINCIAL CORRECTIONAL
INSTITUTIONS

Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In light of the rehabilitation intentions of proposed and present criminal law, is the government considering extending the Canada Assistance Plan to cover

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provincial correctional schools as well as welfare institutions and, if so, when will action be taken?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, there is no immediate consideration being given to this matter, but I would remind the hon. member that as a result of the White Paper the Canada Assistance Plan in its entirety is under review with the provinces.

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FAMILY ALLOWANCES

REVISION OF INCOME CUT-OFF LEVEL PROPOSED IN
WHITE PAPER

Mr. Lincoln M. Alexander (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, I wish to ask a related question. Since the minister, if I understand correctly, has indicated that the family allowance cut-off at \$10,000, being the combined income of husband and wife, creates certain injustices and inequities, has the minister now thrown out that suggestion contained in the White Paper and, if so, has he any other alternatives to offer to the House?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member had read the White Paper he would understand that this was a proposal set forth. We acknowledge that there are certain injustices created when you settle on an arbitrary limit of this kind, and we invite proposals on how this situation can be corrected, if indeed it can be corrected. We even invite proposals from the hon. member.

Mr. Alexander: Mr. Speaker, I thank the minister for his comments, but all I was asking was whether the minister is now in a position to say whether he will disregard that particular proposal in the white paper, and has he an alternative at this time?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, we are considering many alternatives at the moment and we are waiting for more to come from various segments of the community.

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of the statement by the minister that he will try to remedy the obvious injustices in his proposal to cut off the family allowance to families with an annual income of \$10,000 or more, will he advise the House when we can expect these proposals to be made?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, there has to be some cut-off figure and some tapering at some level. We are trying to devise various means whereby this can be done and at the same time not create hardships and immediate disparities for people within a very close income range. These proposals are under consideration now. Again we invite proposals from the hon. member and the opposition parties.