

## Oral Questions

[Translation]

**Mr. Lambert (Bellechasse):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a supplementary question to the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion.

May I ask the minister if the negotiations are progressing well enough that we may hope to learn about the nature of the master agreement before the end of September?

[English]

**Mr. Jamieson:** Mr. Speaker, as I indicated, it is not my expectation that the work can be concluded by the end of September. The fact is that, in addition to the general development agreement, we are also examining a number of supplementary development agreements under the umbrella approach. It is our hope that two or three of these can perhaps be introduced, if not simultaneously, certainly very quickly after the development agreement. However, if the hon. member has anything specific in regard to a particular region I would be glad to try to elaborate for him.

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## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

## MONITORING OF SALES TAX AND TARIFF CUTS TO ENSURE BENEFITS REACH CONSUMERS—REQUEST FOR REPORT

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs who for some seven months has been refusing to make a report on the results of any monitoring of the anti-inflationary effects and reduction of prices that the budget of the Minister of Finance was supposed to produce. Can the minister tell the House, after seven months of delay, when we may expect to have this report? Can he give us a precise date when we may expect this report?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition is incorrect in suggesting that I have been refusing to prepare a report. Work on this has been going on. I expect it to be completed about the middle of September. It will be delivered to the Minister of Finance, following which I trust its conclusions will be made available appropriately to the House and the public.

**Mr. Stanfield:** Would the Prime Minister give us the assurance that these games regarding this report on the monitoring effects of the budget, which has been so long promised and so long delayed, will stop and that the report will be presented to the House and rapidly as possible?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will gladly renew the assurances just given by the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.

[Mr. Jamieson.]

## NATIONAL REVENUE

## POLICY RESPECTING DELIVERY BY RCMP OF NOTICES TO TAXPAYERS DEMANDING INCOME TAX RETURNS—NAME OF DEPARTMENT

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask a question of the Minister of National Revenue. Is it the policy of the Department of National Revenue to have the RCMP serve and deliver notices to taxpayers in various cities and elsewhere simply entitled "Demand for Income Tax Returns as prescribed by form No. 2", when in fact there is no prosecution involved or even quasi-criminal proceedings anticipated?

**Hon. Robert Stanbury (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, if the hon. member would like to give me details of his concern I would be glad to look into the matter.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Did the minister authorize the forwarding of a memorandum to the various Department of National Revenue offices across the land advising that the new name of the department in question will be "Revenue Canada, Taxation", and are those instructions now being withdrawn along with the memorandum sent out by his department? If so, why?

**Mr. Stanbury:** No, Mr. Speaker. As the hon. member and other hon. members know, for some time a short description of departments has been used and a short description is used in our department as in others. But the fact is that the name of the department has not been changed and it is not expected that it will be changed.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT

## INQUIRY AS TO INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENTS

**Mr. Walter Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the President of the Treasury Board. Now that the government has brought before the House a bill dealing with the benefits accorded retired employees of the government of Canada, would the minister inform the House when the government intends to bring forward the amendments to the Public Service Employment Act which were promised in the Speech from the Throne but have not yet seen the light of day?

**Hon. C. M. Drury (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, these provisions are still in the process of being drafted. We hope to bring them forward at the earliest possible date.

**Mr. Baker:** Is there any truth to the rumour that is rampant in the city—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member knows that a question couched in those terms is out of order.

**Mr. Baker:** Then may I rephrase my question. May I specifically ask the minister whether he will undertake to introduce this legislation perhaps within the next two weeks, and also undertake that this important piece of