

*Oral Questions*

## DEPARTMENT'S WORK IN MANITOBA

**Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, in western Canada, especially in the Manitoba area, there is a great deal of concern that grants which normally go to various community projects have not been forthcoming. This has caused all kinds of disruption to language and other heritage programs in Manitoba. If the Minister is going to check on what is a reasonably old memo, will he also take a very close look at what is happening in Manitoba? It is not a good situation, and his Department certainly has to bear the majority of the responsibility.

**Hon. D. M. Collette (Minister of State (Multiculturalism)):** Mr. Speaker, I categorically reject the criticism implied in the Hon. Member's question. As far as I am concerned, the memo in question, and I have said I have not seen it, represents perhaps the opinion of one regional director. I will have to discuss it with our officials to see whether or not it is indeed a serious concern of his. It has not been raised in a detailed way with me, so I suspect it was a particular feeling at a particular point in time.

On the question of Manitoba in general, the Hon. Member should know, being from Manitoba, that the regional office of the Secretary of State is one of the most creative regional offices of any government Department. It has done an outstanding job over the past two years, not only in multiculturalism but in other areas. I find it somewhat odd that a Member from Manitoba would, in a sense, be criticizing the work being done by officials in Manitoba. That is essentially what he is doing. As far as I am concerned, the interests of multiculturalism are being very well attended to, especially in Manitoba where a leadership role has been taken by a number of people at the municipal level and in voluntary organizations, especially in the City of Winnipeg.

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## EMPLOYMENT

## SUMMER CANADA PROGRAM—PROJECTS TO ASSIST SENIOR CITIZENS

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment. In the employment programs funded by his Department in recent years there have always been two or three projects which tried to meet the needs of the elderly and sick by providing a service to cut their lawns, put on storm windows, take off the screens, and do a little painting. Of all the grants approved for summer work this year, there is only one program which meets those needs. That program is already telling people that they will have to wait for weeks before they can get the service they always got in the past. Would the Minister look at that situation and possibly find some money to fund some of these projects which operated so successfully until this year?

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. gentleman is referring to

the Summer Canada programs which are administered by my colleague, the Minister of State for Youth. I will be happy to forward his representation to her so that she can consider it and reply to him directly.

## REQUEST FOR REVIEW

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, would the Minister tell his colleague that there were projects, such as Work 80 and Community Home Services, which really went out of their way to meet and satisfy the needs of people? These people are phoning all Members of Parliament with hysterical and very well founded fears that they are not going to get the service they received in the past. We are not saying the programs funded for this year are necessarily bad; we are simply saying that they have not met an important need in our cities.

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I will be very happy to provide my colleague with the views the Hon. Member has expressed and the representations he has received from the public. I shall do that.

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## THE ADMINISTRATION

## LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGN—USE OF GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT BY MINISTER OF JUSTICE

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister and is supplementary to the questions asked at the outset of Question Period with respect to the guidelines he laid down for Liberal leadership candidates who are members of his Cabinet. I know he has spoken to them and given them guidelines with respect to the use of government jets. Will he undertake to investigate the blatant misuse of government jets by his Minister of Justice? As an example, yesterday the Minister was with Premier Lee of Prince Edward Island from 8.30 until 9.00 a.m. discussing Senate reform. He then spent the rest of the day meeting delegates from Hillsborough and Cardigan. He had a meeting with a Mr. Joe Ghiz, and then flew to New Brunswick to meet with delegates from Northumberland-Miramichi.

If I give him the timetable of the Minister of Justice, will he investigate whether that Minister and others are abusing their privileges by using government jets for purely political reasons?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I certainly will look into the matter. I would appreciate it if the Hon. Member does what he suggests and sends me the timetable. However, just listening to his version of the facts, I feel compelled to say that I personally asked the Minister of Justice to see the Premiers of all provinces to discuss Senate reform. This was a decision taken several months ago, and it was to follow on the tabling of the report of the Joint Committee on Senate Reform. Therefore, that he would be travelling