

Hon. John N. Turner (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I will draw the second part of the question to the attention of the Solicitor General whose responsibility it would be to amend that law.

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YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—AGREEMENTS WITH QUEBEC AND OTHER PROVINCES—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON 1971 ACTIVITIES AND 1972 PLANS

Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont): My question is for the Secretary of State. It concerns the announcement last week by the Minister of Education in the National Assembly of Quebec relative to a number of agreements concerning next year's Opportunities for Youth program. Can the minister indicate whether there has been a final or even an intermediate agreement with the government of Quebec and whether such consultations and agreements exist with other provinces? Also, in view of the late date when may we expect to hear some report on this year's program and some statement with regard to next year's plans?

[Translation]

Hon. Gérard Pelletier (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is right in saying "agreement" since, in fact, there has not been any formal agreement with any of the provinces visited, that is, neither with Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, nor with Quebec. This is where we stand in our consultations. We propose to them a certain number of ideas; some of these seem interesting to them, and they accept them; others are rejected, and we do likewise on our side. We speak all the less firmly that the pursuit of the Opportunities for Youth program has not yet been the subject of any final decision.

As for the report, I apologize to the House for the delay in tabling it, but this is a matter of data processing and the task force responsible for producing the report is working very hard at this.

As for deadlines, we will be meeting them much better this year than we did last year, if it is decided that the program should be taken up again under the same form as last year.

[English]

Mr. MacDonald (Egmont): The minister did not indicate whether three firm agreements had in fact been arrived at with the province of Quebec, nor did he indicate when there would be some statement with regard to the general criteria that would be applied. I understand there has been a special task force at work doing this evaluation. I wonder why it should take so long to make some statement, now a month or a month and a half overdue?

[Translation]

Mr. Pelletier: Mr. Speaker, I do not think the hon. member understood the last part of my reply, in which I said that I quite agreed with him, and was hoping to be able to table this report as soon as possible.

As far as the agreement is concerned, he also misunderstood the first part of my reply, which was that there

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obviously could not be an agreement with any province on a program whose continuation had not yet been definitely decided upon.

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BRIDGES

PROPOSED STRUCTURE TO SEA ISLAND, VANCOUVER—CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Grace MacInnis (Vancouver-Kingsway): In the absence of the Minister of Transport and his parliamentary secretary I will address my question to the Prime Minister. In view of the assurances given to the House by the minister on October 12 and November 2 that interested local groups would be consulted before a decision is made concerning tolls on access bridges to Sea Island, will the Prime Minister look into the reason why the Sea Island Ratepayer's Association and the Free Airport Access Committee are being barred from the consultation which the minister set for tomorrow morning in Vancouver?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will look into this matter and see if the facts are as alleged. I know that the minister is in Vancouver today. It may be that while we are talking he is consulting such groups as have been referred to by the hon. member.

Mrs. MacInnis: Can the Prime Minister give the assurance that these local groups will be consulted before a firm decision is made with regard to those bridges?

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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

INVESTIGATION OF LEAKING OF CABINET DOCUMENT

Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition): I wish to direct a question to the Prime Minister without in any way wishing to inquire into cabinet secrets.

Mr. Nielsen: There are none left.

Mr. Stanfield: Will the right hon. member tell the House whether any investigation is being conducted into the question of whether there has been unauthorized possession of a cabinet document involving the decision of July 29, 1971? Is any investigation being conducted?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker. We are looking into the matter.

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NATIONAL ANTHEM

ASSURANCE THAT ROYALTY NOT CHARGED FOR PLAYING OF "O CANADA"

Mr. Lloyd Francis (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Secretary of State. Can the minister confirm that in fact the government of Canada does pos-