

Oral Questions

Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, this advertisement was drawn to my attention this morning. The main subject matter has to do with immigration. It is put out by an organization called Zero Population Growth, an organization with which I am not familiar and of which I have no knowledge.

An hon. Member: Talk to Otto Lang about it.

Mr. Andras: I can only say that I will consult my colleague, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, who may want to enter the act as well and determine the ethics of this advertisement. Beyond that I have no further comment.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member for Winnipeg South Centre.

Mr. McKenzie: A supplementary—

INQUIRY WHETHER SAME AGENCY HANDLED ADVERTISING FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND ORGANIZATION CALLED ZERO POPULATION GROWTH

Mrs. Simma Holt (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I would ask the minister in charge of International Women's Year if the agency which is handling the "Why not" and all the rest of the International Women's Year chauvinist publicity is the ad agency which handled the advertisement just referred to. If not, can he find out which agency handled this advertisement.

Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare): Mr. Speaker, I have nothing but praise for the agency which handled the International Women's Year publicity program, especially as the account executive in charge of the program is a very able woman working in the field of publicity and advertising. As far as the particular advertisement mentioned is concerned, the sponsor is a private organization. Therefore the advertisement has nothing to do with the government. Obviously I cannot answer the question asked by the hon. member.

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Mrs. Holt: The minister did not answer my question.

An hon. Member: Now, you know how we feel.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ALLEGATION CIDA PROJECT FUNDS IN NON-INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS—SUGGESTION FUNDS BE TRANSFERRED TO INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister. At the External Affairs committee meeting this morning, CIDA officials revealed that millions of dollars of CIDA project funds are deposited in non-interest paying deposit accounts around the world. Will the Acting Prime Minis-

ter investigate this, have these funds transferred to interest paying accounts and have the interest returned to Canada where it belongs?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I will take the suggestion under consideration. I assume this matter was discussed in committee and answers were given by the organization that is responsible.

ALLEGATION CIDA EMPLOYEES INSTRUCTED NOT TO COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS ABOUT PROJECT DIFFICULTIES

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, the answers given this morning were not satisfactory. I have a supplementary question. Will the Acting Prime Minister also investigate whether CIDA officials are instructing CIDA employees in Kenya not to contact members of parliament with regard to project problems?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister): Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will investigate this.

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ENERGY

NATURAL GAS—EFFECT OF DECISION TO CHANGE TIMING OF INCREASE IN EXPORT PRICE ON HYDROCARBON EXPORT POLICY

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Does the minister's decision to reconsider the timing and price in respect of the export of natural gas to the United States represent any change in the government's hydrocarbon export policy other than extending the time at which the price increases will be phased in?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, there was no final decision by the government on this matter. There will likely be a further exchange with the United States. I hope a decision will be made within the week. If the hon. member is thinking ahead on the question of supply, this will have no impact from a supply standpoint.

NATURAL GAS—POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE TO CANADA IN CHANGING DATE OF INCREASE IN EXPORT PRICE—DATE OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW DATE

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): From the viewpoint of the government, what particular advantages have accrued to Canada by changing or extending the time at which the proposed price increases will come into effect?

Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, that is a question I ask myself.

Mr. Gillies: I hope the minister gets an answer to that question from himself. Has August 1, the previously scheduled date for the phasing in of these increases, been