

ment departments which will use the Orion. The basic cost of the Orion will be from \$30 million to \$60 million. Are the other user departments going to contribute their share of the capital cost in order to give the Minister of National Defence and his department access to the funds which parliament has granted for defence spending?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member will understand that I am not responsible for the general administration of the government. I think the question should be addressed to the President of the Treasury Board.

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[English]

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION

LOCKHEED CONTRACT—POSSIBLE RECOVERY FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF A SHARE OF THE COST OF THE "ORION"

Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East): Mr. Speaker, the President of the Treasury Board has left the chamber, but because the Minister of National Defence is completely and totally uninterested in this question—

An hon. Member: Here he is.

Mr. Forrestall: I shall direct my question to the President of the Treasury Board in the interests of national defence because the Minister of National Defence does not seem to be too concerned about the availability of funds for spending on capital acquisition.

Has any initiative been taken by the President of the Treasury Board to secure from other government departments who will use the Orion aircraft their share of the capital cost of this program? Judging from other world prices the cost of this aircraft is some \$60 million, and 50 per cent of that is attributable to the requirements of departments other than the Department of National Defence. Is there any sharing sought?

[Translation]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, when we prepared the budgetary program dealing with the capital investments for the Department of National Defence, we spread our requirements over a period of several years in the estimates of the Department of National Defence, because I do not think it would be very practical, in the case of a project like this, to divide the capital between three or four departments. If we had done so, the hon. member would probably be inclined to blame us and would say that we are trying to create a state of confusion.

BILINGUALISM

SUGGESTED MEETING WITH PROVINCES ON TEACHING OF SECOND LANGUAGE

Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria): Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Secretary of State a question. In

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the light of the motion that the hon. member for Ottawa Centre managed to have adopted by the House today, could the Secretary of State widen the rather narrow scope of the talks with the province of Ontario in order to include any provincial government of good will which shows that it is sincerely willing to make language courses available to the greatest number of Canadians, thus avoiding the creation of new linguistic disparities in this country.

[English]

Hon. James Hugh Faulkner (Secretary of State): Yes, of course, Mr. Speaker, I discuss this question continuously with ministers of education of the provinces. There is a formula in place under which the federal government agrees to pay 9 per cent of the additional cost of any extended French language training program. That provision is available to any province which wishes to take advantage of it. Manitoba recently announced a major extension to that province's French language program. I discussed this matter with the minister of education of that province yesterday. The provinces can do this and we are prepared to respond through our program of financial assistance.

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ENERGY

SYNCRUDE PROJECT—REQUEST FOR DETAILS OF AGREEMENT—DISPOSITION OF ATLANTIC RICHFIELD LEASES

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. Can the minister confirm if an agreement has been signed relating to the Syncrude project? If so, will he table that agreement? May I also ask, as one item in particular held up the signing of the agreement, what disposition is being made of the six Athabasca oil sand leases which were held by Atlantic Richfield? Are those leases to be turned over to Syncrude? If so, what price will be paid to Atlantic Richfield for those leases?

Hon. Alastair Gillespie (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, may I answer the second part of the question first? The leases are to be turned over. The Alberta government assured the participants that the leases will be turned over to them, that is, to the new participants. As to price, it will be done at no cost to those participants. As to the agreement itself, I must point out that it involved probably 90 documents, agreements and subagreements, etc. It is not one piece of paper that we discussed yesterday. We were trying to hammer out several of the remaining, major outstanding issues. I am pleased to announce that we did just that.

SYNCRUDE PROJECT—REASON FOR FAILURE TO STIPULATE IN AGREEMENT EMISSION STANDARDS FOR SULPHUR DIOXIDE

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Since the Department of the Environment found 287 long tons per day of sulphur dioxide emission unacceptable and said the emission should be reduced to 40 long tons per day, why is there no stipulation in the agreement for reducing progressively,