

*Inquiries of the Ministry***POWER**

MINAS BASIN—COMPLETION OF STUDY

Mr. Robert McCleave (Halifax-East Hants): Mr. Speaker, may I inquire of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources when he expects the Minas Basin power feasibility study to be completed and possibly made available to the public?

Hon. J. J. Greene (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): Mr. Speaker, I have no immediate information in that regard, but I will take the question as notice and inform the hon. member as soon as possible.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

INUVIK—PROVISION OF ELECTRIC, SEWER AND WATER SERVICES

Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings): I should like to address my question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Why have the Indian and Eskimo people living in the northern part of Inuvik, a townsite which was constructed to serve these people, been denied electric, sewer and water services while the federal civil servants living in the other half of the town have long enjoyed these services?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, what the hon. member just said is not accurate. Many Indians and Eskimos may avail themselves of services in Inuvik. Unfortunately, some of these people are not receiving them, because there is a population explosion in the Northwest Territories, due to the good management and the development of that region.

[*English*]

Mr. Hees: A supplementary question. Since the minister has tried to indicate that very few have been denied, why has the loan of \$2 million which has been applied for by the town not been granted by the federal government? This is the \$2 million that is required to provide these sewer, water and electric services.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of this. I shall inquire and be pleased to reply to the hon. member next week.

[*English*]

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Would [Mr. Speaker.]

the minister tell the House whether there are any white people living in Inuvik who do not have the opportunity to use the light, water and sewer services?

[*Translation*]

Mr. Chrétien: I do not know, Mr. Speaker.

[*English*]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

ESTABLISHMENT OF FISHING BASE AT ST. PIERRE—INQUIRY AS TO CONSULTATIONS

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Have any consultations been held between officials of France and Canada over the announced intention of France to set up a large Common Market fishing base at St. Pierre, in view of the impact that such a move would have on the Atlantic Economy?

Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, if such discussions have taken place I am unaware of them, but I will make inquiries.

Mr. Crouse: A supplementary question. I would appreciate a report as soon as possible. Since these ships would be operating from a French base—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

INDUSTRY

INQUIRY AS TO ABANDONING OF INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

Mr. Louis-Roland Comeau (South Western Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. In view of the statement made two days ago that the interdepartmental review of industrial incentives is now complete, can the minister say whether existing programs promoting industrial research and development will be abandoned and, if so, which ones?

Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker; we are just improving upon them. This review is now the object of a recommendation to Treasury Board, and in due course I will make the necessary announcement.

NAVIGATION

MACKENZIE RIVER—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister of Public