

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

### CONFERENCE ON PROPOSED YOUNG OFFENDERS' ACT— POSSIBILITY OF REPRESENTATION BY NORTHERN TERRITORIES

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** A question for the Solicitor General, Mr. Speaker. Will there be a federal-provincial conference held to discuss the proposed amendments to the Young Offenders Act, a discussion paper concerning which was tabled by the minister yesterday? If so, when will that conference be held and will the two northern territories be represented by elected members of their assemblies?

**Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General):** The documents tabled in the House yesterday will be the subject of discussion in Regina this week in the course of the continuing meeting of deputy ministers of the provinces responsible for correction services. Subsequently, it will be my intention to request a meeting with my provincial counterparts to consider this subject. I shall, of course, bear in mind the suggestion of the hon. member that the territories be represented at these meetings.

**Mr. Nielsen:** Might I ask the minister whether or not the territories are being represented by elected members of their respective legislatures or by bureaucrats from one or more of the government's departments in Ottawa?

**Mr. Fox:** As far as the meeting in Regina this week is concerned, I believe the representatives referred to have been designated by the commissioners of the territories. It is my intention to get in touch with the commissioners before extending invitations to the provincial ministers to attend the further conference which should follow shortly.

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## INDUSTRY

### LEARSTAR PROGRAM—REASON FOR ALLEGED USE BY CANADAIR OF ITALIAN ENGINEERS

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It concerns Canadair and the building of the Challenger Executive Jet aircraft, formerly called the Lear-Star 600. Can the minister inform the House why approximately 45 Italian engineers from the Air Italia Manufacturing Company of Italy are now in Canada? Are they here to cope with structural problems which Canadair is experiencing with the Challenger?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot provide the hon. member with a definite answer just now. I am aware that the corporation is hiring more staff and it may have sought the services of experts from foreign countries. I shall try therefore to provide the hon. member with a more definite answer.

## Oral Questions

[English]

### LEARSTAR PROGRAM—POSSIBILITY PARTS MANUFACTURED IN ITALY

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre):** Will the minister find out whether parts of the plane are to be manufactured in Italy and whether these are parts which could be manufactured by Canadian firms? Further, has Italy placed any orders for the Challenger?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether some components are to be manufactured in Italy. I know, however, that this program provides for the creation of over 1,500 new jobs in the Montreal area and some 1,500 more elsewhere within the industry in Canada. Certain components may have to be imported. In the case of engines, for instance, we have negotiated a number of purchases to even off our balance of payments.

[English]

### LEARSTAR PROGRAM—AVAILABILITY OF EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FINANCING

**Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg South Centre):** Is Canadian Export Development Corporation financing in jeopardy, and are export orders in doubt because of lack of Canadian content in the manufacture of the Challenger? In other words, are most of the component parts being manufactured outside Canada, thereby restricting availability of CEDC financing for foreign buyers?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** That is not absolutely correct, Mr. Speaker. Most of the plane components will be built in Canada. Some components will certainly have to be imported, but I believe 70 per cent of them will be built in Canada.

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[English]

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

### CHANGE IN PERIOD TO QUALIFY FOR BENEFITS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. In view of the opposition from all quarters of the House to the minister's proposal in Bill C-27 to change the period allowed for qualifying for unemployment insurance benefits from eight weeks to 12 weeks, can the hon. gentleman inform the House whether he will consider amending that requirement in the legislation?

**Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** I think this is a subject we shall be dealing with at the committee stage.