

*Oral Questions*REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WESTERN REGIONAL
CENTRE

Mr. Laverne Lewycky (Dauphin-Swan River): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the same Minister. I would like to point out a difference between development of ethnocultural histories, such as the ethnic studies chairs undertake, and multiculturalism, which means sharing or doing a comparative type of study.

My supplementary question is more specifically directed to the request being made for a research and resource centre from both the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg, to have such a regional centre established in western Canada. What type of consideration would the Minister be prepared to give to having, even on a pilot basis, that type of research and resource centre set up, in which universities are prepared to work together for the development of multiculturalism?

Hon. D. M. Collenette (Minister of State (Multiculturalism)): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Transport, my colleague from Winnipeg, has made representations on this particular project. I certainly shall give it active consideration.

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[Translation]

CANADA POST CORPORATION

ALLEGED COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY

Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for the Canada Post Corporation. Since the subject was discussed with the Minister before the Christmas holidays, the Minister is surely aware of the importance to weekly magazines of inserts and advertising flyers, which provide necessary income. I suppose the Minister is also aware of the fact that the Canada Post Corporation intends to compete heavily with our weeklies by distributing certain advertising brochures. In the circumstances, and considering the fact that the Corporation is thereby competing directly with the private sector, could the Minister inform the House today whether he intends to recommend that the Corporation drop this idea of competing with weekly magazines?

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the complaint voiced by the Hon. Member has also been brought to my attention by a number of Government Members. I intend to ask the President of the Canada Post Corporation to revise the directives he has given in this respect to his various regional representatives, because it seems to me that the main role of the Canada Post Corporation is to deliver the mail and not to print advertising. I hope the Canada Post Corporation will take action as soon as possible in this respect.

INQUIRY AS TO WHEN CORPORATION WILL ABANDON DESIRE
TO COMPETE WITH PRIVATE INDUSTRY

Hon. Roch La Salle (Joliette): I would like to thank the Hon. Minister very sincerely for his reply, Mr. Speaker. In view of the circumstances, all those involved with this delivery service, and I am still talking about the weeklies, all those who must prepare budgets for 1984 are obviously anxious to hear the final answer of the Canada Post Corporation. Can the Minister tell the House when he expects the Corporation to announce its intention to abandon this project which we find unacceptable?

Hon. André Ouellet (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I shall of course transmit the representations of the Hon. Member to the Chairman of the Canada Post Corporation. I imagine that its board of directors will meet, if not at the end of January, at least early in February, and that a decision will be made at that time, of which I will be able to inform the Hon. Member and others in this House who have made the same representations.

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[English]

CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

HOUSING PROVIDED TO OFFICIALS IN VANCOUVER

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Mr. Speaker, I have two brief questions for the Acting Minister of Public Works, as the regular Minister very seldom appears for Question Period. My question is in regard to CMHC. In Vancouver a number of federal Government subsidized co-operatives and social housing projects are providing low cost housing to persons who can well afford commercial market accommodation, including a number of senior CMHC officials. Does the Government condone the practice of senior CMHC officials benefiting from housing meant for low income families? That is you, Bussières!

[Translation]

Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue): Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I am not aware of the practice mentioned by the Hon. Member. However, I can assure him that I will draw the attention of the Minister responsible to the facts referred to, and I am convinced that he will look closely into this matter and provide a satisfactory answer to the Hon. Member after looking into the facts.

[English]

USE OF HOUSING DESIGNED FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

Mr. Dan McKenzie (Winnipeg-Assiniboine): Mr. Speaker, the purpose of these housing units is to provide accommodation for low-income families. Can the Minister explain why the Melton Court Co-op in Vancouver, to name one, is filled with well-to-do bachelors, and only two children?