

*Oral Questions*

context of the prices and incomes program, but indeed continuing for all time in Canada. As we have said with regard to other aspects of the program, this is to make certain that there is no restraint upon women under the program with regard to increases to bring them on to a basis of equality. As I have said, Bill C-72, which is on the order paper, introduces the tense of the verb the hon. gentleman referred to: that this shall happen within federal jurisdiction.

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**SOCIAL SERVICES****FEDERAL CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF DAY CARE CENTRES**

**Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby):** My supplementary question is to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, if I can get his attention. He is the minister responsible for women in this particularly important year. Does the government at long last plan to implement the recommendation of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women that the federal government contribute on a cost sharing basis with the provinces in the capital costs for the establishment of day care facilities and not simply contribute to maintenance costs once they are established?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I am very happy the hon. member raised the question. I will send him a copy of the guidelines which were published last year which indicate quite clearly the federal government's sharing in the cost of the rent of the day care centres, and second, in the cost of the depreciation on the capital cost of the day care centres. This shows that the federal government is sharing in the cost of day care services more generously than in any other social service in which it shares. I think this shows the determination of this government to bring its attention to problems regarding women in this country.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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[Translation]

**ANTI-INFLATION BOARD****SUGGESTION BOARD INVESTIGATE ALL PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL TAX INCREASES**

**Mr. Réal Caouette (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Finance.

Considering that the Anti-Inflation Board has the power to control prices and wages and to review them at any time, does it also have any power to control provincial taxes, taxation rates, and municipal levies? For instance, Hull has announced a rate increase of 28 per cent; Mr. Bourassa also announced higher provincial taxes for next spring. Will these levels of government be subjected to laws or to the Anti-Inflation Board review?

**Hon. Donald S. Macdonald (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, following provincial conferences on this program, the provinces have emphasized that their right to taxation be kept outside the control of the Anti-Inflation Board.

[Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale).]

[English]

**TRANSPORT****POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN RAIL PASSENGER SERVICE—PROPOSED CONSULTATION WITH RAILWAY OFFICIALS AND TRANSPORT COMMISSION**

**Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a question to the Minister of Transport and ask if the government is planning a reduction of rail passenger service in its new policy to be announced early in 1976?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, when the policy is announced it will indicate the variety of plans. Needless to say in the rationalization there will be changes in service and in certain areas there may well be a reduction. There is also an important aspect and that is that where service is provided it should be provided efficiently.

**Mr. Murta:** A supplementary question. Can the minister assure the House that officials of both national railways as well as those of the CTC are being and will be consulted on any proposed changes in rail passenger service that are under consideration by the government?

**Mr. Lang:** Yes, Mr. Speaker, and the CTC will play a very important role as well.

**Mr. Murta:** A final supplementary question. In view of what the minister said, and since there is still apprehension in western Canada regarding the proposed policy, can the minister now assure the House that service in that part of the country will not be reduced to one transcontinental line going west from Montreal and Toronto through Winnipeg to Vancouver?

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, I do not think I should try to forecast that part of the policy or the implications of it. As I said earlier, it is very important to consider the cost of the service now being provided and the implications for people travelling on services that are heavily subsidized and the availability of alternative services which may be cheaper without a cost to taxpayers. All of those things will be put together in determining the extent of the service offered in any particular area and that will be developed progressively with a role being played by the CTC.

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**HEALTH****STUDY OF ORTHO-MOLECULAR PSYCHIATRY—REQUEST FOR REPORT**

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Battle River):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. About a year ago we asked a question about ortho-molecular psychiatry and he told us an evaluation was being undertaken. I wonder if the minister could tell us if that evaluation of megavitamin therapy has been completed for cases of schizophrenia in Canada, and if it is used as a drug in this country?