

*Inquiries of the Ministry***NATIONAL DEFENCE****PHASING OUT OF MEAFORD TANK RANGE—  
EFFECT ON CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES**

**Mr. P. V. Noble (Grey-Simcoe):** I wish to direct my question to the Minister of National Defence. In view of the fact that the closing of the Meaford tank range will leave 81 civilian employees without jobs, does the defence department intend to take any responsibility in finding suitable employment for these people? If so, in what manner?

**Hon. Léo Cadieux (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, the usual procedures in the case of a base closure will apply in this case. Every employee has been or will be given six months' notice. After that they are placed on a preferential list for one year for alternative employment in the civil service.

**PENITENTIARIES****DORCHESTER—ATTACK ON GUARDS**

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North):** My question is directed to the Solicitor General. Is the minister in a position to provide the House with any further information regarding the attack on guards by inmates at Dorchester penitentiary?

**Hon. G. J. McIlraith (Solicitor General):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. Immediately after the attack the RCMP were called in to investigate the incident. As a result of the investigation, charges were laid against an inmate. Those charges came before the court and indeed will be before the court again tomorrow.

**NATURAL RESOURCES****COMPOSITION OF TASK FORCE ON NORTHERN  
CONSERVATION**

**Mr. Rod Thomson (Battleford-Kindersley):** I have a question for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. In view of the obvious conflict of interest in the minister's task force on northern conservation by the inclusion of representatives of Imperial Oil, Shell Oil and Gulf Oil, can the minister indicate to the House whether he will consider restructuring this committee to remove this conflict of interest?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I established a committee which includes three groups: the first represents

people concerned with conservation, the second represents my department and the third the industry involved. I feel it is fitting that these people should meet at the three level in order that they may determine both the shortcomings and the advantages of introducing new techniques, and that all the parties involved should meet to seek a solution.

[*Later:*]

[*English*]

**Mr. Doug Rowland (Selkirk):** I should like to direct my supplementary question to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Will the minister consider making his tripartite committee a quadripartite committee by arranging for representation of the residents and native people of the area so as to benefit from the practical advice they could contribute?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, the officials of my department will be happy to meet local members of the delegation and I agree with the hon. member that the opinion of Indians and Eskimos in this field might be very useful.

[*English*]

**POLLUTION****PHOSPHATE DETERGENTS—ADVANCING OF  
TERMINATION DATE FOR SALE**

**Mr. Jerry Pringle (Fraser Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. In view of the fact that a detergent containing no phosphate pollutants has been developed and is now available in commercial quantities in the great province of British Columbia—

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

**Mr. Pringle:** —will the minister consider advancing the termination date for the sale of phosphate detergents to the public?

**Mr. Gérard Loiselle (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport):** Since neither the minister nor his Parliamentary Secretary are here, I will undertake to report the hon. member's representation to the proper quarter.

**GRAIN****CONFERENCE OF WHEAT EXPORTING COUNTRIES—  
TERMINATION OF SUBSIDIZATION—  
INTERNATIONAL GRAINS ARRANGEMENT**

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I should like to ask the Minister