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72. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the Minister for Forestry and Fisheries:

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister indicate when that workers' package will be finalised?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

That is really a question for the Minister for Labour Relations. I see no reason that an assistance package should not be concluded within a week or so. Negotiations are ongoing, and the answer to that question will rely to some extent upon the process of negotiation. It may take more or less time. We would want to know the results of those negotiations within a week or so, so I hope that will be the time scale. I cannot answer for the Minister for Labour Relations on that matter. Similarly, I do not believe the minister will be able to give a precise answer on that, but we have targets in that area.