

[Translation]

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr Speaker, what the Government has tried to do is to make sure that Mr. Mohammad could leave the country as soon as possible. This is surprising coming from the Liberal Party when we have been trying for eight months to pass legislation to deal expeditiously with smugglers. Take a look at the Liberal Party, Mr. Speaker . . . They never have a definite position. For goodness' sake, let us know what your position is!

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Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. I appreciate his attempts to solve the conflict between Mr. Mohammad and the Immigration Appeal Board in a way acceptable to both parties, and I hope that in spite of the comments attributed to him in *The Globe and Mail* today, the Minister will not blame either Mr. Mohammad or his counsel for the failure of that project.

My question to the Minister is this: Would the Minister confirm, in relation with the comments attributed to Mr. Saleh by *The Globe and Mail*, that the Canadian Security Intelligence Service has, in communicating the news to the media, stopped that project?

[English]

Hon. James Kelleher (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I can advise the Hon. Member that the travel arrangements were as set out by my colleague, the Minister of Employment and Immigration. They were made by Mr. Mohammad and his lawyers and friends. They were discussed with my colleague, the Minister. The RCMP provided protective surveillance. CSIS was not involved in any way whatsoever with the travel arrangements or this particular case.

REQUEST THAT MINISTER REPORT ON FAILURE OF PROJECT

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, since it has been alleged by Mr. Saleh that CSIS failed to keep its part of an agreement, and in view of conflicting suggestions in the media, will the Minister of Immigration, the one who was attempting to produce a positive result in this difficult situation, undertake to report as soon as possible to this House on why this humane project failed?

[Translation]

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I think I have essentially answered this question earlier when I mentioned that Mr. Mohammad had decided himself of the steps taken by him and his advisers to leave the country. The reasons why he did not

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succeed have nothing whatsoever to do with the Government action but result of steps taken by Mr. Mohammad himself.

And I believe that in all that has been said yesterday by his counsel and by concerned witnesses, no mention was ever made of any government responsibility.

As for the Hon. Member's question, Mr. Speaker, I can assure my colleague that I have never said . . . I have never blamed Mr. Mohammad, his counsels or his advisers.

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[English]

AIR CANADA

FARES CHARGED FOR FLIGHTS TO LONDON FROM TORONTO AND HALIFAX

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Mr. Speaker, are you sure the cameras come down to this corner? As I started to say 24 hours ago, before I was interrupted, I have a question for the Minister of Transport concerning Air Canada's policy on overseas air fares.

I think the Minister is aware that Air Canada announced air fares that provide a fare of \$388 for those flying from Toronto to London while, at the same time, the fare from Halifax to London is \$488. I do not have to tell the Minister what a concern that is to people from Atlantic Canada. We know that air Canada should be committed to equality in its policy across Canada. Will he investigate this discrepancy and report to the House as soon as possible? In the meantime, will he instruct Air Canada to exercise some fairness in airline policy?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have a great deal of sympathy with the Hon. Member because the situation with respect to fares from Newfoundland to London, England, is definitely unfair as well.

Mr. Blackburn (Brant): Do something about it, then.

Mr. Crosbie: What are we going to do about it? The thing is, Mr. Speaker, that no one can understand airline fares. Why I should be expected to understand them, is beyond me.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear.

Mr. Speaker: Even if questions do not always elicit information, that one certainly received a frank response.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!