

obtain those guidelines through the PMO. We were told that they are not available. What is the definition of "your earliest convenience"?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): We will be filing them very shortly.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mulroney: My hon. friend will see that they are a tremendous improvement over what we inherited. They have been in effect.

Inasmuch as he mentioned Manitoba, I have noted that Joanne McNevin, former aide to the Leader of the NDP, is now a consultant with the Government of Manitoba. Mark Eliesen, research director under the NDP here, is Chairman of Manitoba Hydro.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mulroney: Chairman of Manitoba Hydro. There's a guy who knows all about lights. Murray Wepler, former executive assistant to the Member for Ottawa Centre, is communications director with the Manitoba Government. It is the Member for Ottawa Centre who needs the communications help.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mulroney: Cliff Scotten, former Secretary General, is strategy consultant to the Premier of Manitoba.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Mulroney: I could go on, and on.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: More, more!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member for Churchill, on a supplementary question.

ELIGIBILITY OF FIRMS TO SECURE CONTRACTS

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): If the Prime Minister wants to compare systems, will he allow, in his new guidelines which he will finally show us, non Conservative firms to get government advertising contracts? They do that in Manitoba. You want to compare systems; will you do it here?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, absolutely non government firms, the same way that we have appointed so many members of different political parties.

With regard to Manitoba, can I go on to the second part of the list?

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Oral Questions

Mr. Mulroney: You won't find a single Tory appointed in Manitoba or Saskatchewan by the NDP, and that is where your sanctimony is disserving you because the Canadian people know you're a bunch of frauds when it comes to the issue.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: More, more!

APPLICATION OF GUIDELINES

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber-Port au Port-St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister is generally liked in Newfoundland because he reminds us of the key ingredient in our favourite meal, pea soup. You're a real hambone.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister, but I want to tell him that we say in Newfoundland, you'd have to have the face of a robber's horse to expect Canadians to swallow your answers to the Leader of the Opposition's questions. Is the Prime Minister saying to Canadians. "Okay, so the Minister of Finance broke my guidelines. But that is okay, because tomorrow I will issue new ones." Do his guidelines have teeth and, if so, what happens to Ministers who breach them?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I didn't think that there was a Newfoundlander who could sink lower than Roger Simmons, but was I ever wrong.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Mulroney: The Minister of Finance broke no guidelines and he broke no law. He is a man of great integrity, and the Hon. Member would do well to emulate the magnificent example of leadership and integrity that this gentleman has always inspired across Canada.

Mr. Tobin: Mr. Speaker, this Prime Minister is trying to suggest that he does not have guidelines. These are his guidelines. He issued them and he instructed his Minister to follow them. I ask the Prime Minister are his guidelines worth the paper they are written on, or is it a waste of time, a joke?

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Some Hon. Members: Out.

Mr. Speaker: Order. Now that we have been through the first part of Question Period maybe we can treat the second part with a little more calm and quiet.

Mr. Shields: Don't bet on it.

Mr. Speaker: Whoever said "don't bet on it", I think I am with him.