

*Oral Questions*

President of the Treasury Board to explain to me what will the 1,300 employees of the surveys and mapping and the other two branches concerned do? What services will they provide and on what basis, if any, will they gain their income if the Government decides it is going to buy the mapping services from the joint company run by Bell and Lavalin? If this service is contracted out, is the Government not talking about privatization by pink slips as far as the employees of the Government of Canada are concerned?

**Mr. Blackburn (Brant):** They are blue slips.

**Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, if I am not mistaken, there are three ifs in the Hon. Member's question. If this, if that, and if the other thing. All I can say, once again, is that there were general discussions, very initial discussions on the over-all question of a make or buy policy for the Government of Canada following the Task Force on Program Review. No negotiations were ever entered into, no bids were sought, no offers were received, and no decision on the issue has been made. How can I answer a hypothetical question of that nature?

*[Translation]*GOVERNMENT'S CONTRACTING-OUT POLICY—IMPACT ON  
PUBLIC SERVANTS' JOBS

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to put a supplementary to the President of the Treasury Board. How many more public servants will be affected by the Government's determination to start discussions with the private sector, to transfer services that are now provided by employees of the Public Service of the Government of Canada? Is that what the President of the Treasury Board meant in his statement, that there would be discussions with a number of companies in the private sector to arrange for transfers of jobs in a way similar to what would happen by privatizing the mapping division?

**Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre is implying that the Government should never have discussions with the private sector to try and identify the best way to spend taxpayers' money. We are trying to improve efficiency and productivity in the public sector. To do so, we are having discussions with the private sector. I think that is only normal. We are also having discussions with the labour unions. We are continuing these discussions in order to give Canadian taxpayers across this country the assurance that the money they put into the federal Treasury is spent with their best interests in mind.

*[English]*

**HEALTH**

## AIDS DISEASE—CONTENT OF ADVERTISEMENTS

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. We now know that the Canadian Telecasters Committee has hypocritically rejected three of the four ads designed to fight AIDS in this country, the three ads that happen to use the word condom. Now that these ads have been rejected, can the Minister tell us what specific strategy his Department has in place to get out the message to every Canadian household about this killer disease?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, in response to the Member's question, I believe, and I think most objective people who have seen the ads feel that the ads conveyed the situation. I believe it was a balanced message. I fully appreciate that in the area of sexuality there will be different points of view.

I would hope in connection with the ads which the Canadian Public Health Association developed, and which the Department of Health and Welfare through taxpayers' money bought, that the telecasters would reconsider the position they took. The CPHA had a press conference at approximately one o'clock this afternoon in which that same message was put forward. I would hope that the telecasters upon second thought would look at those ads. I do think that they reflect not only a general approach, which I think is fair to the attack on AIDS, but also which is in keeping with what I think is proper and decent.

## REQUEST FOR DOOR-TO-DOOR MAIL CAMPAIGN

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister will know that his Department is not going to spend a single penny to get this message out over the airwaves, door-to-door, or in any other fashion. Given that the Minister's colleague from St. John's West can find the money to distribute brochures to every household in Newfoundland about a fishing agreement, does he not think that at the very least his Department should be considering a door-to-door brochure on the issue of AIDS across Canada?

**Mr. Crosbie:** Do you want me to send condoms with them as well?

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the point which the Member puts forward as the basis for her question is not accurate. We have put forward money, public money, for brochures. We have brochures in doctors' offices, universities, and colleges where Canadians can pick up those ads. We have put forward money to various groups which have support groups for AIDS patients. I have said, as the campaign is launched, that if more is needed we will have a look. In a very difficult situation in which we must bring forward the best and most accurate information, I do not