

*Oral Questions*

[Translation]

**CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

POSSIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING SHARES OF STATION CJBR-TV  
TO CORPORATION

**Mr. Eymard Corbin (Madawaska-Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Communications. On several occasions in the last two months I attempted to get an answer in the House. Would the minister say whether the government has adopted or is considering adopting, as a new policy or practice, to re-examine or unduly delay the CRTC's decisions. I am referring more precisely to the CRTC's decision of last April to authorize the transfer of shares of CJBR-TV, of Rimouski, and CJBR-TVA of Edmundston to the CBC. My constituents would very much like to know what is happening and how much longer they will have to wait for the implementation of a French network in New Brunswick?

**Hon. Jeanne Sauv  (Minister of Communications):** Mr. Speaker, the government certainly has no intention of adopting a policy to reverse the CRTC's decisions. The one the hon. member is referring to has been taken a few months ago. It is an authorization to purchase the television station at Rimouski. The CBC is now called upon to take action in the light of this decision. In any event, this question should perhaps be addressed to the Secretary of State.

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[English]

**SUPPLY AND SERVICES**

CONTRACT WITH HYDROCULTURE LUWASA—KNOWLEDGE OF  
MINISTER—SENATOR DAVEY DIRECTOR OF COMPANY

**Mr. Robert C. Coates (Cumberland-Colchester North):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Supply and Services. In the course of a statement on privilege made in the other place on Monday, Senator Davey indicated he was a director of Hydroculture Luwasa, a privately-owned Canadian company which grows plants without soil—I presume the rainmaker knows what he is doing—and that his company had done approximately \$1,000 worth of business with the federal government. I should like to ask the minister whether he is aware that Senator Davey was a director of Hydroculture Luwasa at the time the contract was awarded.

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, I do not even know if that contract has been granted by my department and anyway I was absolutely not aware that the senator was one of the directors of that company.

[English]

**Mr. Coates:** I should like, first of all, to ask the minister to bring himself up to date as to the activities of his department so that we might be aware of what is going on. Inasmuch as the statement of privilege was made earlier this week, the hon.

[Mr. Fox.]

gentleman could have made himself aware of the situation. Since Hydroculture Luwasa has recently opened an Ottawa location in anticipation of securing a substantial contract from the hon. gentleman's department I should like to ask him whether he will determine whether such a contract has already been awarded to this company or whether negotiations are going on with officials of his department at the present time in connection with such a contract.

[Translation]

**Mr. Goyer:** Mr. Speaker, I do not usually condemn a company beforehand without knowing the facts, and in this case I shall certainly inquire. I am not aware of any negotiation in my department with this company, but I shall inquire.

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[English]

**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

ALLEGATIONS OF CORPORAL RAMSAY CONCERNING BREAK-INS  
IN 1972—REQUEST FOR REPORT ON INVESTIGATION

**Mr. Stuart Leggatt (New Westminster):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct my question to the Solicitor General. *Maclean's* magazine of July, 1972 carried very extensive allegations by Corporal Jack Ramsay concerning illegal break-in at that particular time. Subsequently this House debated that question for almost a week and the right hon. member for Prince Albert called in 1972 for a royal commission to examine the allegations of Corporal Jack Ramsay. The minister indicated in his statement that illegal break-in is a rare and exceptional occurrence. Now that he has had a chance to study the matter, can he report to the House what was the investigation that his predecessor carried out in respect to those allegations made by Corporal Jack Ramsay in that *Maclean's* edition in 1972?

**Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I believe the *Maclean's* edition has just barely hit the streets, that it has just barely been published.

**Mr. Leggatt:** This was back in 1972.

**Mr. Fox:** I thought the hon. member was talking about a very recent issue. If the hon. member's question does indeed refer to a magazine article printed in 1972, surely he does not expect me today to have gone over the files for 1972. At the moment we on this side of the House are trying to help the RCMP provide the type of security service that this nation deserves, the type of protection against criminal activity that Canadians deserve. I will, of course, examine the question which has been raised by the hon. member, but I do not believe he should expect me to be able to give him an answer today on what happened in every case in 1972.