

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I just gave the list. Clearly it is 165 at the CN Moncton shops complex—that is in Moncton, and 152 at the CN Moncton Gordon Yard—that is in Moncton. If the hon. gentleman will add up those two, he will get the answer to his question.

Mr. Robichaud: What about the rest?

Mr. Turner (Vancouver-Quadra): That is really funny, John!

Mr. Nunziata: You ought to be ashamed of yourself.

Mr. Crosbie: If the Leader of the Opposition will permit me, and his sidekick with the moustache—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

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SUPPLY AND SERVICES

CF-18 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT—BRISTOL CONSORTIUM'S TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the President of the Treasury Board. Earlier in Question Period he inferred that negotiations which the Government has to undertake in order to get the technology for the maintenance of the CF-18 would be necessary for all three companies which made bids. Will the Minister not rise in the House and admit that the Bristol consortium already owns or has access to much of that technology and therefore there could be a great savings to the taxpayers of Canada?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, the answer to that question is very short and very simple. The Bristol consortium has access to some technology. The Canadair consortium has access to equivalent CF-18 technology. In the view of the evaluation team it is not even certain that the technology which either consortium has is applicable to the contract under negotiation.

Mr. Axworthy: It gets worse every time you answer.

Mr. Murphy: It is amazing that the Minister would get up and say that the evaluation team would not recognize whether or not the technology available is the technology which is necessary.

REQUEST FOR REFERRAL TO AUDITOR GENERAL

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Prime Minister. Yesterday he was asked a number of questions on whether or not he would refer the matter to the Auditor General. In order to reduce regional differences in the country, will he do that?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I think I answered that question yesterday. The

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Auditor General is responsible to the House. The Auditor General will undertake all investigations or all reports which he feels are necessary. In a contract of this nature, I am sure the Auditor General would want to get to the bottom of the facts. We will, as always, co-operate with him to give him all the information.

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IMMIGRATION

SPECIAL MINISTERIAL ENTRY PERMITS

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Within a two-week period we have learned that an Hungarian resident, who turned over politically sensitive information on other Canadians to Hungarian secret police, and an individual with a record of over 20 criminal convictions have both received special ministerial permits to allow them to remain in Canada. Why is the Government extending the welcome mat to such undesirable individuals, when thousands of meritorious immigrants are being kept out? Why do you refuse to rescind two such outrageous and indefensible decisions?

[Translation]

Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I am extremely surprised that the Hon. Member personally should think he is in a position to judge applications which are pending and about which the Minister of State has made recommendations on the basis of existing legislation. There is nothing special in the fact that the Immigration Act is being administered.

I would suggest this is quite normal. The Government is simply following existing regulations and I challenge the Hon. Member to say before the House that he is opposed to any kind of rehabilitation for prospective immigrants to Canada.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: Before the Hon. Member for York West puts his supplementary question I would ask that he be careful about using the word "you" and make his remarks through the Speaker.

REQUEST THAT TWO APPLICANTS BE REJECTED

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is directed to the senior Minister of Employment and Immigration. I think the Minister should stop waltzing around the issue and admit two serious errors in judgment. Is the Minister prepared to assure Canadians and the House that this Hungarian spy and an individual with 20 criminal convictions should be inadmissible according to the Immigration Act, and that he will say no to giving them permanent resident status in the country?