

*Oral Questions*

Canadian policy, in order to get a trade deal that will not benefit anyone in this country?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Marcel Masse (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, the Opposition is running out of issues to harp on. I can assure you that the policies and decisions of this Government with respect to Petro-Canada are formed and made here in Ottawa, by a Government elected by Canadians. Second, if the Government decides we should ask Canadians to buy shares in Petro-Canada and thus generate capital for mega-projects that will guarantee security of supply for Canadians, this will harm the interests of the NDP, not the interests of Canadians, Mr. Speaker!

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### AGRICULTURE

#### OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH POTATO MARKETING BOARD— GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Agriculture. In the course of a study made Across the country, the National Farm Products Marketing Council realized that the table and seed segments of the potato growing industry face rapid and wide price fluctuations as well as uncertainty for the future. Could the Hon. Minister reassure our farm producers and tell them that, along with principal officials and the provinces, you are currently developing a strategy for the creation of a potato marketing agency that ensure stability and profitability of the markets, supervise quotas and bring long term growth to this whole area.

[*English*]

**Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the Hon. Member's question. As he will realize, at the request of the industry I instructed the National Farm Products Marketing Council to carry out a study and a series of hearings and report to me. That process has been completed and the report advises that we proceed in two stages. Stage one is to establish the agency with all of the powers under the Act, Section 23, with the exception of those powers to supply and manage.

I want to assure the industry that we will be working very closely with it and the provinces to work out a plan that would indeed include supply management. I hope that would be possible in the not too distant future.

### IMMIGRATION

#### DEPARTURE AND RETURN OF CONVICTED TERRORIST

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Immigration and concerns the actions of the Government in the never-ending saga of this convicted terrorist which is embarrassing Canadians, pitting one Department against the other, and showing new low levels of incompetence, even for that Government.

Since the Government organized Mr. Mohammad's voluntary departure, can he finally be open with Canadians and explain how the plan was bungled, why Mr. Mohammad was prohibited from continuing his journey beyond London, England, and why the Minister failed to resolve any last minute difficulties by involving the Department of External Affairs rather than keeping it in the dark?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think I was quite clear about yesterday's events. I will repeat what I said for my colleague's benefit. First, we were approached . . . The Government had always clearly stated that it would facilitate Mr. Mohammad's departure whether it is voluntary or through a deportation order, as we are doing now. Mr. Mohammad contacted CEIC officials and his lawyer suggested a voluntary departure based on deals and procedures that they themselves arranged. The Government is only facilitating Mr. Mohammad's departure from Canada with security measures and a certificate of identity. My hon. colleague will have to admit one thing unless he is against Mr. Mohammad's departure . . . But this would not be the first time his Party has conflicting positions. However now that Mr. Mohammad is back in Canada, for whatever reason he had, we are going on with the deportation procedure and the Government will not rest before he is out of the country.

[*English*]

**Mr. Marchi:** Mr. Speaker, the reality remains that this episode has been one giant comedy of government errors, incompetence and bungling. Canadians want to know when it is going to come to an end.

#### REPORTED LACK OF VISA TO ENTER ANOTHER COUNTRY

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** My supplementary is directed to the same Minister, Mr. Speaker. If the problem in London, England, was the lack of a proper visa or other document, can the Minister inform this House what precise actions he or the Government took to overcome that shortcoming? In fact, is the Minister telling Canadians that he was unable to arrange one single and simple visa? Is this a priority or not, and is the Government capable of completing a plan from start to finish without it ending up a charade from one coast to the other?