

We submit that the answer to all these questions is "yes". Therefore our statement when written and published was correct and still is correct.

(3) The Federal Cabinet can impose any terms it wishes - including registration - for you to obtain your licence - Sec 106 - 1 (3)

Mr. Basford's statement to you was, "There is absolutely no ground for this assertion, absolutely no ground. The registration of rifles and shotguns is clearly and specifically prohibited by this bill." Mr. Basford then goes on to indicate that this prohibition is brought about by item (c) in the designation of a restricted weapon under section 82 (1) wherein it states, "restricted weapon means:

(c) a weapon of any kind, not being a prohibited weapon or a shotgun or rifle of a kind commonly used in Canada for hunting or sporting purposes, that is declared by order of the Governor in Council to be a restricted weapon."

We submit this only prohibits the Cabinet from placing shotguns, and rifles in the restricted category and in no way prohibits the Cabinet from requiring every licence application to include the serial numbers of the firearms it is to apply to. That, Honorable Members, is registration by Order-in-Council.

Mr. Basford stated to you that the act as constituted prohibits the Cabinet from attaching any conditions to a licence except those necessary to enable the registry (an apt word) to be maintained and, further, that Cabinet can request only information pertaining to the fitness of the individual.

Section 106 - 8 (e) which sets out Cabinet's power to make