

*Oral Questions*

Treasury Board. Therefore whatever measures would be taken with respect to a comptroller general within the ambit or orbit of the Treasury Board will apply to the deputy secretary. All we are talking about at this stage is a deputy secretary reporting to the secretary, the President of the Treasury Board and the board, as opposed to another deputy minister reporting to the President of the Treasury Board. That is the difference right now.

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** You don't know what you are talking about.

**Mr. Horner:** But the proceedings will not be made public.

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**ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION OF FEES PAID TO AGENTS BY  
ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, my question also relates to the report of the Auditor General, but I wish to direct it to the Solicitor General. In view of the seriousness of the statements made by the Auditor General in his 1975-76 report with respect to the fee paid to AECL agents, would the Solicitor General ask the RCMP to launch an immediate investigation into these charges of financial mismanagement on the part of AECL?

**Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I will have this matter looked into and probably report further at a later stage.

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**ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED**

SUGGESTION NO FEES BE PAID AGENTS UNLESS PROPER  
ACCOUNTS RENDERED

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, may I direct a supplementary question to the President of the Treasury Board? Will the Treasury Board instruct Atomic Energy of Canada Limited not to continue payments until their agents provide specific expense accounts for fees? I ask this since the matter concerns one of the basic criticisms of the Auditor General with respect to this specific matter.

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, essentially that is what the instructions have been, yes.

[Mr. Andras.]

[Translation]

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

REQUEST THAT PRESSURE BE EXERTED ON INDIAN  
GOVERNMENT TO CHARGE MISS LECLERC

**Mr. Raynald Guay (Lévis):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the right hon. Prime Minister.

As the Prime Minister knows, a young Canadian has been detained in India since July 9, 1976 in conditions which are not quite satisfactory and without any charges being laid against her. I would like to know once again if the Canadian government could not go directly to the Indian government, for humanitarian reasons and because of worries on the part of Marie-Andrée Leclerc's parents, to lay charges against her. I do not ask that she be cleared of charges but rather that she be given the opportunity to defend herself and prove her innocence if that is the case. Given the circumstances, I would like to know again the intentions of the government?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member was kind enough to give me notice of his question. Unfortunately I must confess that I could not obtain other details than those communicated a few days ago to the House by the Secretary of State for External Affairs. However, if I can get other answers which I could add to those already given, I will be pleased to do so, either personally or through the hon. minister or the parliamentary secretary. I am grateful to the hon. member to draw once again the attention of the government on that matter.

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[English]

**ATOMIC ENERGY OF CANADA LIMITED**

REASON FOR CHANGE IN AMOUNT OF FEE PAID AGENT—  
SUGGESTION NO MORE FEES BE PAID AGENT IN KOREA

**Mr. David MacDonald (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, my question for the President of the Treasury Board also deals with the matter which was just raised concerning the payment of agents of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. Can the minister say why Treasury Board approved an initial 5 per cent contract price payment to agents acting on behalf of CANDU sales to the government of South Korea, amounting to some \$20 million, and why this amount was later reduced to 1 per cent of the contract price? Has the reason anything to do with the Auditor General, or with second thoughts on the part of the new president of AECL? Can the minister give an indication of the nature of this change, and on what policy these matters are based?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, in light of the Auditor General's comments, and since the report has just been made available, as the hon. member knows, I want some time to review all these discrepancies which have been pointed out and give a thorough answer to the House, perhaps through the public accounts committee; or, I can do it here.