

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

Minister. Can the right hon. gentleman say when we may expect the report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I have no idea, Mr. Speaker. I will inquire. The commission, of course, decides its own timing and procedures. They may wish to tell me when they expect to report.

This is the purpose of a white paper, so that it can be discussed before being put into legislative form. We intend to do this.

**Mr. Stanfield:** May I suggest that the Prime Minister had better consult with the Minister of Finance—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Stanfield:**—in view of the fact he also indicated—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order.

**TAXATION**

## MODIFICATION OF WHITE PAPER

**Hon. Robert L. Stanfield (Leader of the Opposition):** I wish to ask the Prime Minister what is to be the scope of the supplementary white paper on taxation that the Minister of Finance has referred to? Is this supplementary white paper to be confined to certain aspects of capital gains taxation or is it to include other aspects of taxation as well?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** I have not heard of the supplementary white paper, Mr. Speaker. I will confer with the minister.

**Mr. Stanfield:** A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. I seriously direct this question to the Prime Minister, the head of the government, in the assumption that the Minister of Finance alone does not decide the taxation policy of the government. Has the government itself decided upon modification of the position set forth in the white paper?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Not yet, Mr. Speaker. We have published the white paper and we have told the Canadian public that we are going to wait for representations from them. Until we have heard from all interested parties, those who want to make presentations, we are not going to revise the white paper.

**Mr. Stanfield:** A further supplementary, Mr. Speaker. Are we entitled to assume, therefore, from what the Prime Minister has said that the indication by the Minister of Finance is correct and that a supplementary white paper will be presented or a supplementary paper will be presented with modifications? I ask the Prime Minister whether this is necessarily so, and has any such decision yet been made by the government of this country?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Quite to the contrary. When we published the white paper it was the government's position that we were doing it in order to hear representations and, if necessary, to modify our views on certain points.

[Mrs. MacInnis.]

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**BANNING OF SALE OF CERTAIN TOYS  
CONTAMINATED BY DDT

**Mr. John L. Skoberg (Moose Jaw):** My question is for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In view of a television program last night concerning various types of children's toys being contaminated by DDT, will the minister indicate to the House what action he has taken to assure the buyers of all toys made in other countries as well as Canada that toys found to be contaminated with DDT will be banned from sale?

**Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, I will be pleased to look into this matter. I believe this would be an area of responsibility of my colleague the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, on the advice of the Food and Drug Directorate.

**ELECTIONS**

## POLICY RESPECTING PROCESSES

**Hon. W. G. Dinsdale (Brandon-Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. Was the President of the Treasury Board enunciating government policy when in a speech the other evening to the National Conference on Science and Engineering he looked forward to the day when politicians will not have to go through the "rather tiresome charade" of present-day electoral processes?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Vancouver East.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** On a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member rises on a question of privilege.

**Mr. Dinsdale:** I regard this question to be of some considerable urgency because it appears