

Oral Questions

accept on the basis of the privatization plans for Pearson would also have to take into account that only a few months after that recommendation was made, those people were unable because they were financially incompetent to proceed with the deal.

Mr. Jim Gouk (Kootenay West—Revelstoke, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, in response to my question yesterday the minister suggested I talk to the ADM who was not privy to this report.

• (1440)

Not only was the ADM privy to the report, he provided the October report to Mr. Nixon. The facts do not substantiate the remarks made by the Minister.

When will the minister stop hiding the truth in this matter and come out with a full public inquiry? What is he—

The Speaker: Order. In question period we refer to the word truth. I would ask the hon. member in this instance to please rephrase his question.

Mr. Gouk: Mr. Speaker, I will withdraw it from the way it was phrased and simply ask the minister when will the full truth be brought out—

The Speaker: It is out of order. The hon. member for Verchères.

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[Translation]

TURKEY

Mr. Stéphane Bergeron (Verchères, BQ): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister.

With Turkey continuing its military offensive against the Kurds in northern Iraq, the Canadian government still has no official policy on the matter. Moreover, as the government embarks on negotiations with Turkey for the sale of CF-5s, Germany is suspending delivery of military materiel destined for Turkey.

My question is very simple: Does the government intend to follow Germany's example and suspend all deliveries or sales of military materiel to Turkey and to break off negotiations on the sale of the CF-5s to Turkey?

[English]

Hon. David M. Collenette (Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I have answered in the House a couple of times that there are no formal negotiations going on. The Turkish government has expressed some interest in the disposition of the CF-5s. This is not unusual since a number of years ago it received surplus planes from us.

As a NATO ally we have to entertain at least its interest. There are no formal negotiations going on. There is no deal pending.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs has given the House every assurance that should we at any time sell any armaments, those sales will be under the strictest of controls.

[Translation]

Mr. Stéphane Bergeron (Verchères, BQ): Mr. Speaker, you would agree with me that there is something questionable about the minister's statement that negotiations are being held, but not formally.

In view of the seriousness of the present situation, and rather than continue waffling about how to treat the Turkish offensive against the Kurds, will the government not acknowledge that it should submit this delicate matter to NATO and to the UN Security Council?

[English]

Hon. David M. Collenette (Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, on the ongoing actions of the Turkish government with respect to the Kurdish minority in northern Iraq, the Minister of Foreign Affairs has addressed that in the House and has well established Canada's position on it.

With respect to the disposition of the CF-5 fighter planes, it is somewhat premature to discuss this because there is no deal pending. There is no sale pending. There has been only an indication of interest on the part of the Turkish government.

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[Translation]

THE OUTAOUAIS

Mr. Bernard Patry (Pierrefonds—Dollard, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, and concerns both the statements made by the hon. member for Rimouski—Témiscouata regarding the City of Hull and her apology in the House. Will the minister confirm in this House that the Outaouais region is not a victim of economic discrimination?

Hon. Marcel Massé (President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister responsible for Public Service Renewal, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, while the Parti Québécois refuses to invest in western Quebec and only allocates 0.4 per cent of its budget to that region, the National Capital Commission invests 30 per cent of its resources in the Outaouais.

According to a 1993 survey conducted by the magazine *L'Actualité*, Hull has the second highest standard of living in all of Quebec and ranks first in terms of economic indicators. People who live in Hull or have businesses there will tell you that they are proud of their city, justifiably so. By making such a statement, the hon. member only betrays her own lack of knowledge of the City of Hull and her arrogance towards people