Oral Questions

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I do not think it would be appropriate during the oral question period to have a long debate on the monetary theories of the party which the hon. member represents.

[English]

AIR TRANSPORT

DOMESTIC AIR CHARTERS—REQUEST THAT WARDAIR BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE

Mr. Jack Murta (Lisgar): Mr. Speaker, I am disappointed that the Minister of Transport is not here today. In his absence I will direct my question to the Deputy Prime Minister. It concerns the decision of the Canadian Transport Commission for the provision of charter air services within Canada—a decision which effectively excludes Wardair, the pioneer of Canadian charters. Will the Deputy Prime Minister exercise the government's prerogative and ensure that Wardair is allowed to participate in next summer's experiment with domestic air charters?

[Translation]

Mr. Charles Lapointe (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, the hon. member knows most certainly that the report of the committee of the Canadian Transport Commission was tabled only yesterday. I would like to tell the hon. member there is in this report an indication that the committee may happen to allow other Canadian carriers who have a class 4 licence to operate regional ABC's if a regional air carrier does not provide the service needed. I think we should be pleased about this report which will bring at last a little more competition in air fares in Canada. It is still too early to indicate how the government will react to this report.

[English]

Mr. Murta: Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary secretary did not answer my question in connection with Wardair. It is my understanding that Mr. Ward has decided to appeal the decision of the CTC. In light of the fact that restricting the interregional domestic charters to the two main carriers which over the years have opposed the domestic charter concept and by restricting the number of flights to 50, the program will provide little change from the present situation, will the parliamentary secretary—if the Deputy Prime Minister is not going to answer—undertake to communicate with the Minister of Transport to see if he will expand the program to provide the option of low-fare travel for Canadians this summer?

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[Translation]

Mr. Lapointe: I think Mr. Speaker, that I already answered this question. Obviously we are not yet in a position to say how officials will react to this report as it was tabled yesterday. As far as the appeal of Wardair is concerned, they just have to [Mr. Beaudoin.]

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, I make it and then the minister will certainly accept to consider it.

[English]

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

AVAILABILITY TO McDONALD COMMISSION OF MATERIAL REFUSED KEABLE COMMISSION

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Mr. Speaker, I have a short question for the Acting Solicitor General, who I presume to be the Minister of Justice. Will the Solicitor General be making available to the McDonald Royal Commission the information which he has resisted, and is continuing to resist, providing to the Keable Commission of inquiry?

Hon. Ron Basford (Acting Solicitor General): I would not want to answer that precisely because I have not reviewed the affidavit that has been filed with the Keable Commission. The Solicitor General has made it very clear in this House and elsewhere that he will be providing to the McDonald Commission everything that is pertinent to its terms of reference, and including all of the investigating techniques and practices—as I say, everything that is in any way relevant to the McDonald inquiry.

REASON KEABLE COMMISSION ASKED FOR PROCEDURAL MANUALS

Mr. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): I want to thank the minister for his answer. I gather, then, that the position of the government is not that it will be restricting material or providing only those files which in its sole discretion it deems relevant as this would reflect very badly on the bona fides of the inquiry. I would like to ask him, as a supplementary, if he knows the reason that the Keable Commission requested procedural manuals was to determine precisely which requirements had to be followed by the security service regarding authorization for entries to be made by officers of the security services for the installation of any sort of listening devices.

Hon. Ron Basford (Acting Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware that that is why the Keable Commission wanted those documents. I am not aware at the present time whether the Keable Commission has ever explained why they wanted those particular documents.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE NO URANIUM SHIPMENTS TO FRANCE UNLESS SAFEGUARDS ACCEPTED

Mr. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon-Biggar): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Deputy Prime Minister. It concerns the embargo on the shipment of uranium to the EEC pending the adoption by those nations of Canadian safeguards. Will the