

*Oral Questions*

and not impugn in any way the Minister being questioned or, in the Minister's response, the Member asking the question.

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**THE ADMINISTRATION**

OERLIKON CONTRACT—STATEMENTS MADE ON TELEVISED PROGRAM

**Hon. Douglas C. Frith (Sudbury):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. Until today, Senator designate Jean Bazin has stated in writing that he had no direct involvement in the Oerlikon file until August 1, 1986. The Prime Minister, in response to a question put on January 20 and reported at page 2449 of *Hansard*, said:

—Mr. Bazin, as I say, is a lawyer from Montreal who represents clients. I am not aware of that client list but I can tell him that he is not a lobbyist—

Will the Deputy Prime Minister confirm the truth of the statements made in the program *This Week In Parliament* that the former Associate Minister of Defence had been lobbied as early as March, 1986, at a PC convention by both Mr. Bazin and Mr. Nantel, representing Oerlikon, asking that Oerlikon be awarded that contract, and that that same lobbying effort was renewed at the opening ceremonies of Expo 86 in May, 1986. If that is not lobbying, what is?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure of the precise words that the Hon. Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs used to describe it, but my understanding is that the issue did come up during the course of a visit at these two events and that there certainly was not anything in a formal way that was discussed.

REQUEST THAT SENATOR DESIGNATE BAZIN DELAY SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

**Hon. Douglas C. Frith (Sudbury):** Mr. Speaker, will the Deputy Prime Minister not agree that that is a form of lobbying? That is the lobby definition made by a recent finding of a House of Commons committee with respect to lobbying in Canada. Will he request the Senator designate to delay his swearing in as a Senator until such time as the RCMP deals with that broader issue for which we have been asking, which is the degree of influence peddling that benefits only a small group of friends of the Prime Minister in this country?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I am not a lawyer but I know that lawyers make representations on behalf of their clients on many, many occasions. If the Hon. Member is not aware of that, perhaps he might discuss it with his Leader.

**NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS**

TESTING OF ADVANCED CRUISE MISSILE

**Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. It has come to my attention through the use of access to information by Project Ploughshares, that there is an internal Defence Department memorandum about proposed tests of the advanced Cruise missile in Canada. As the Minister knows, testing the advanced Cruise Missile, which is the Cruise using what is called "stealth" technology, would give a major impetus to Canada's participation in the escalation of the nuclear arms race. Has the Pentagon asked Canada to test the advanced Cruise missile and, if so, when and what has been Canada's response?

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, there is no request before Canada at the present time to test the Advanced Cruise Missile.

MINISTER'S POSITION

**Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, we have learned under the access to information that on April 21, 1986, there was a briefing note—Briefing Note 50—to the Minister of National Defence. It was called "Project Proposal for Captive Carry Tests of the AGM-129 Advanced Cruise Missile". Is the Minister saying he does not know anything about this request to test the missile with stealth technology? Or is he trying to continue the Liberal practice of keeping this House of Commons in the dark on these matters?

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**Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of National Defence):** No, Mr. Speaker, my statement stands for itself. As I indicated to the Hon. Member, there is no current request of the Canadian Government to test the Advanced Cruise.

**Ms. Jewett:** The Minister is saying he does not know what is going on in his own Department. That is what he is saying; he does not know.

WASHINGTON POST NEWSPAPER REPORT

**Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam):** Has the Minister been informed—does he even read *The Washington Post*—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Ms. Jewett:** If the Minister were to read—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member will put a question.

**Ms. Jewett:** If the Minister were to read *The Washington Post*, or *Aviation Week*, he will discover that the Advanced Cruise Missile with stealth technology is being developed, that