

I can assure the hon. member that the 1995 survey is already committed to and will be carried out by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

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CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Solicitor General.

Media reports today allege that the names of CSIS informers are "now routinely given to politicians". If this is accurate, it is scandalous.

Will the minister tell this House whether this report has any foundation? If so, will he immediately investigate this serious breach of national security and report to Parliament on the precise steps he is taking to rectify it?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that this matter has been raised in the House. I want to assure my friend that names of CSIS sources are not and in fact in the course of my tenure as Solicitor General have not been revealed to the Solicitor General.

Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River): These reports indicate very clearly that even the government's own officials are questioning the minister's authority to be in possession of this information.

Will he give this House his assurance that this sensitive informant information in his hands will not be shared with fellow politicians and that information gathered by CSIS will be monitored closely within the rules of law?

Will he commit now to report to Parliament either to the national security subcommittee or to the Security Intelligence Review Committee on this serious matter?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I repeat my previous assurance to the House and to the Canadian public.

CSIS sources are not revealed to me in the course of the conduct of my operations as Solicitor General. From time to time, I am made aware of the circumstances surrounding a particular sensitive operation, but never the name.

Oral Questions

CANADA POST

Mr. Jerry Pickard (Essex—Kent): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the minister responsible for Canada Post, my question is to the Prime Minister.

Canada Post Corporation announced its plan to rationalize the nation's mail sorting system. That announcement identified 92 communities where some 295 jobs are in jeopardy as well as service to those communities.

Reports suggest this is the beginning of many phases. Will the minister admit this is the tip of the iceberg and that more reorganization affecting some 500 jobs, employment and local economies are in jeopardy?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Minister of State (Youth) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, as the hon. member has indicated, the minister responsible for Canada Post is absent on important government business.

I will take notice of the question and I am sure that he will report to him very quickly.

Mr. Jerry Pickard (Essex—Kent): Mr. Speaker, I think that we are looking at jobs across the board.

On July 1, Canada Post will start with a new program of collecting tax and duty on mail products from foreign countries. Some work previously done by Revenue Canada will be transferred to Canada Post.

How many jobs will be lost there? How much work will be contracted out? How much will Revenue Canada be paying Canada Post for this program?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Minister of State (Youth) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, I will also inform my colleague of that particular question.

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BANK SERVICE CHARGES

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs.