

*Oral Questions*REQUEST THAT FULL ECONOMIC SANCTIONS BE IMPOSED ON  
SOUTH AFRICA

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, given the promise of the Prime Minister a little over a year ago that, if there was no progress in the dismantling of apartheid, the Government would impose complete economic sanctions on the South African Government, does the Secretary of State for External Affairs not think it is about time to take that list of sanctions out of his pocket and impose complete economic sanctions right now, instead of allowing Canadian businessmen to profit by building houses so that people will be moved out of their homes at the behest of the South African Government?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, this particular question has been previously discussed between the Hon. Member and myself and others in the House, both in committee and in the House. The Hon. Member knows my view that it would be better for us to wait until the election, South African style, is concluded in South Africa. I think there are a variety of reasons for countries like ours not acting before that election.

I share what I am sure is the profound regret of the Hon. Member and the House that the Government of South Africa continues to take steps which become more ridiculous every day, leading to a situation now where it is illegal to carry a flower and illegal to sign a petition.

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[Translation]

## STATISTICS CANADA

CENSUS DATA CONCERNING QUEBEC—POSSIBILITY OF  
ACCELERATING REVIEW PROCESS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to direct my question to the Minister of Supply and Services, and it has to do with the Quebec census which allegedly underestimated the number of people. I am surprised that the Minister should be so categorical concerning the quality of the census, bearing in mind that the Chief Statistician himself states that he cannot now express an opinion on the quality of the census and would rather wait for the fall data review, and considering that his assistant, Mr. Petrie, says the number of Quebecers may indeed have been underestimated.

My question to the Minister is this: Would it not be possible to accelerate the review process with a view to ascertaining the real Quebec population figures at an earlier date so that this province, hers and mine, would not be penalized under the Established Programs Financing? Could the review not be made earlier?

**Hon. Monique Vézina (Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, a moment ago I could have alluded to the low

percentage of mistakes that can be made in gathering such important data as those of the census. But I thought it was self-evident, that the Opposition would understand, that there is always room for slight differences in a census. That is the question. Data quality is good. The evaluations made by Quebec are different, while ours are final figures based on the official and national census which was carried out.

INQUIRY WHY GOVERNMENT DOES NOT COMMIT ITSELF TO  
ACCELERATED REVIEW OF DATA CONCERNING QUEBEC

**Mr. Jacques Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, you would think the Minister herself took the census. Her Chief Statistician says he is not sure about the quality of the data. Deputy Chief Statistician Petrie says the number of Quebecers may have been underestimated. I fail to see why the Minister cannot commit herself now to accelerate the data review process so that Quebec, her own province, will be treated fairly with respect to transfers under the Established Programs Financing. We are talking about a \$30 million revenue loss, not peanuts by any means!

**Hon. Monique Vézina (Minister of Supply and Services):** Mr. Speaker, he understands very well and he knows that the differences in earlier census were practically the same or, I am told, even much more significant in the last census taken in the 80s.

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[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish to advise Hon. Members that there will be a single question from the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands, and then single questions from two government Members, the Hon. Member for Calgary South and the Hon. Member for Mackenzie.

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## FISHERIES

## FISHERMEN'S USE OF WHARF AT HORSESHOE BAY, B.C.

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans. Will the Minister tell the House what he is prepared to do in conjunction with his colleague, the Minister of Transport, to ensure that there will be continued access by fishermen and other users of the Department of Transport wharf at Horseshoe Bay which has been used by fishermen for over 40 years? As of today fishermen are being told that they have to vacate it by Dan Sewell whom the Minister has just appointed to his regional advisory committee. What will the Minister do to ensure continued access to this public facility?

**Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, this problem results from a complex deal