

*Oral Questions*

was handled and managed. I have said in the House of Commons, Madam Speaker, that I am taking the same attitude at the present time.

I want to tell the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands that she will never have to worry that the hon. member for St. John's West will qualify as secretary of state for external affairs after his views about Gabon.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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**RESTRICTIVE TRADE PRACTICES****INQUIRY INTO MARKETING OF URANIUM**

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel):** Madam Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In view of the fact that the inquiry into the marketing of uranium in Canada has been going on for 44 months, and since we can only presume that Mr. Bertrand would not have been dumped into the Anti-dumping Tribunal without that inquiry being completed, would the Prime Minister confirm that the inquiry has been completed, that a report is in position, and would he indicate when it will be made public?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Madam Speaker, it is my understanding that the report has been completed and that it was Mr. Bertrand's intention to hand it over to the relevant people had he not been involved in a premature leakage of his change of functions. I understand that the report has been completed and that Mr. Bertrand has transmitted it.

**Mr. Stevens:** Madam Speaker, my recollection is that Mr. Bertrand's shift was announced by the government and not leaked.

**REQUEST THAT REPORT BE MADE PUBLIC**

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (York-Peel):** I would like to follow up my line of questioning. If the report is complete, and since it may touch on certain former ministers and senior public servants, as well as various mining and other companies in Canada, would the Prime Minister or perhaps the Attorney General of Canada, since I see he is preparing himself to answer my question, indicate what is intended with respect to the report? Will it all be made public? Can we be assured that none of the report will be changed; and, above all, will prosecutions or other action be taken?

● (1440)

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Justice and Minister of State for Social Development):** Madam Speaker, I can tell the hon. member that the director has sent his report to the Attorney General of Canada. We received it last week and we

have begun to examine it. We shall have to make the decisions concerning the recommendations it contains in the weeks to come, and we are not in a position to make any other comment before the review by the Department of Justice is completed.

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[English]

**HEALTH CARE****CONTINUATION OF SERVICES TO JAMES BAY CREE**

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Health and Welfare. The minister knows that the Health, Welfare and Social Affairs Committee this morning requested her to convene a meeting involving herself, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Quebec authorities, and the James Bay Cree. The meetings were to resolve questions of jurisdiction and funding regarding the health care of the James Bay Cree. Pending the outcome of such meetings, the committee moved that the Departments of National Health and Welfare and of Indian Affairs and Northern Development should continue to meet their responsibilities for the health care of the James Bay Cree. Will the minister now permit her department to meet its responsibility for the health care of the Cree and to prevent another outbreak of gastroenteritis like the one which last year took the lives of several infant children?

[Translation]

**Hon. Monique Bégin (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Madam Speaker, I do not know if it is customary to repeat the discussions held in a committee. The situation is this: this morning, an amendment to the main motion, which I welcome since finally all the interested parties will be able to have a round-table discussion on the health of Indians and health infrastructures, was passed. I objected to the amendment for the simple reason that—and I can repeat it to the House—since the transfer of powers and responsibilities several months ago, the federal Minister of National Health and Welfare cannot get into the health stations, such as the hospitals, and so on, unless it is at the request of the Cree Indians and the province of Quebec. I suggested to the hon. members that they amend their resolution for that very reason, but they refused to do so. Therefore, I am unfortunately unable to act on the basis of the amendment.

[English]

**PROVISION OF SERVICES FOLLOWING DEPARTURE OF DOCTORS**

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands):** Madam Speaker, the committee requested that the departments continue their historic obligations in this way. There is nothing in the James Bay agreement that absolves these departments from that responsibility. Summer is the time when sewage and water problems become most acute, and the problem of gastroenteritis is going to come to the fore again. I ask the minister