

place.<sup>18</sup> Responding to the latter question, Mr. Clark stated:

...to the best of my knowledge there is no Canadian content in the chemical warfare. I use that phrase simply out of normal prudence. I think there is no reason to believe that there is any Canadian content in that chemical warfare.<sup>19</sup>

As to the question of Canadian medical aid to Iran, Mr. Clark stated:

That is a complex problem that requires co-ordination between federal and provincial Governments. We are looking to see if there is a way in which Canada can respond effectively.<sup>20</sup>

On 25 March 1988, NDP Member Bill Blaikie inquired about the Government response to the use of chemical weapons in the Iran-Iraq war, asking:

What has the Government clearly said to the Iraqi Government in respect to the use of chemical weapons? What is the Government planning to do to give leadership in the UN and in the international community in general to censure Iraq, to censure the use of chemical weapons, and finally to bring about the cease-fire which the United Nations requested many months ago in respect to this ugly conflict?<sup>21</sup>

Responding to Mr. Blaikie's questions, Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark explained:

...we have made the strongest possible representations to the Ambassador of Iraq and will be following these up through

18 Ibid.

19 Ibid.

20 Ibid.

21 Commons Debates, 25 March 1988, p. 14134.