

Order Paper Questions

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): On detecting foreign intelligence activity in Canada, it is the policy of the Government to consider how best to protect Canada's over-all interests given the particular circumstances of each case. Seeking the co-operation of individuals suspected of involvement in such activities is one action that may be considered in the execution of this policy. In the event that the most appropriate action is judged to include the institution of a prosecution under the Official Secrets Act, it is a requirement of that Act that in each case the consent of the Attorney General of Canada must be obtained in order for such a prosecution to proceed. Such a decision is made in relation to the particular facts of each case. This approach cannot be considered to be a change of policy.

CANADIAN HOME INSULATION PROGRAM

Question No. 4,809—Mr. Blenkarn:

1. Are audit proceedings made by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources in managing the CHIP program to make sure that materials allegedly supplied on insulation contracts are in fact supplied and are in fact a fair valuation for the materials intended to be supplied and, if so, what are such proceedings?

2. Did the Department investigate Imperial Ener-Sav Inc. of 3710 Chesswood Drive, Downsview, Ontario, with respect to a contract made between it and Mr. George Gow of Cedar Grove Park at 1749 Dundas Street East in Mississauga, Ontario, concerning the charge of \$282 for two tubes of silicone construction sealant?

3. Did the Department price the cost of the tubes and the sealant and did the Department determine that the price of \$141 per tube was at least six times higher than fair market value for the sealant?

4. Does the Department intend to prosecute Imperial Ener-Sav Inc. for attempting to defraud the government with respect to a contract dated

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources reports as follows:

1. Approximately 8 per cent of all homes insulated under the Canadian Home Insulation Program are inspected to ensure that the materials specified on the CHIP grant application have been installed.

Incoming grant applications are screened for the prices charged for caulking and weatherstripping. Price guidelines for determining CHIP contributions for these products were implemented in November, 1982.

2. Prices charged by Imperial Enersave Inc. and other companies were considered for instances of inflated materials costs. These considerations resulted in the introduction of price guidelines for determining CHIP contributions. The account of Mr. George Gow has been looked into by departmental officers and legal counsel.

3. The Department agrees that the amount Mr. Gow charged was substantially above the going rate. The regulatory mechanism required to enable the Department to refuse payment in cases such as this was put in place as of May 12, 1983, but was not in place at the time of the incident referred to by the Hon. Member. In formulating the policy which led to a change in the Regulations, various factors were taken into consideration, including the desire not to interfere more than necessary in the normal workings of the marketplace and the degree of success of the less formal pricing guidelines instituted by CHIP in November, 1982.

4. Mr. Gow's case was referred to EM&R's Legal Services Branch for legal advice and recommendations. The Department does not expect to instigate a prosecution against Imperial Enersave Inc. in connection with the contract in question.

LIVESTOCK FEED BOARD OF CANADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Question No. 4,816—Mr. Mazankowski:

1. Is there a Canadian Livestock Feed Board Advisory Committee and, if so (a) who are the members (b) what is the (i) background or expertise (ii) term of appointment of each member (c) what remuneration, such as salary or travel expenses, do the members receive and, for the length of each appointment to date, what amount has each member received (d) what other funding, if any, is provided by the Government?

2. (a) What are the terms of reference of the Committee (b) what matters did it consider in the fiscal year 1982-83 (c) how often did it meet and how often is it required to meet (d) what reports and/or recommendations did the Committee publish in the fiscal year 1982-83?

Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture): 1. Yes. Pursuant to Section 15 of the Livestock Feed Assistance Act, the members are:

(a)	(b)(i)	(b)(ii) Term	Appointed	Expires
Members	Expertise & Organization Affiliation			
Peter Hannam	Pedigreed seed specialist Past President of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and current President of CANFARM Co-operative Services in Guelph		1980	1984
Hollis W. Duffett	Livestock producer Past President of Newfoundland Federation of Agriculture and current President of Newfoundland Swine Producers Association		1981	1985
Charles Munro	Dairy farmer Past President Canadian Federation of Agriculture and Ontario Federation of Agriculture		1979	1983
Arthur Porter	Dairy farmer Past President Nova Scotia Holstein Friesian Association and President of Nova Scotia Animal Breeding Cooperative		1982	1986
John F. (Jack) Reams	Swine producer President of British Columbia Pork Producers Association and member of the Executive Committee of the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture		1980	1983