

Adjournment Debate

I can assure the hon. member work is currently under way to reduce the inventory of applications and to process applications more swiftly.

Those who say that the process is not independent ignore the fact that the vast majority of s.690 applicants were prosecuted by provincial attorneys general. Thus, there are very few instances in which the Attorney General of Canada must consider a case that was prosecuted by his agent. When that happens from outside the department counsel are retained to assess the application and advise the minister.

It is the duty of those who assess the applications to examine them conscientiously and thoroughly as it is the minister's duty imposed upon him by Parliament to review the applications and make the necessary decisions.

The Deputy Speaker: Under Standing Order 38(5) a motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m. under Standing Order 24.

(The House adjourned at 7.24 p.m.)
