

### Oral Questions

Today I will not talk of the increased incidents of violence against women reported, nor will I talk about how only 18 per cent of the guns used to kill women were illegally owned.

Instead today I would like us to take one minute to remember the women who were killed that day. We remember the killer's name, but the women are faceless to most of us and just a number, 14.

Tomorrow I would like us to take a minute to remember, Geneviève Bergeron, Hélène Colgan, Natalie Croteau, Barbara Daigneault, Anne-Marie Edward, Maud Haviernick, Barbara Maria Klucznik, Maryse Laganiere, Maryse Leclair, Anne Marie Lemay, Sonia Pelletier, Michèle Richard, Annie St-Arneault, Annie Turcotte.

Violence against women is not just a women's issue. Violence against women affects all of us.

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### HEALTH CARE

**Hon. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon, NDP):** Mr. Speaker, a serious issue of women's health has yet to be addressed by the government and that is the question of breast implants.

This issue was raised during the mandate of the former government and continues to be a serious issue related to the health of women.

Several organizations across the country of breast implant support groups have been formed and have been asking for assistance to make sure information is available to women who have had breast implants, that there is equal access to surgery for removal of breast implants and access to good primary care.

I call on the government to address this serious women's health issue, to respond to these groups that are requesting assistance and to look into the moratorium on breast implants which has not seen an end of their use.

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### TOWN HALL MEETINGS

**Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I have just completed a series of town hall meetings across my riding of Simcoe Centre.

My constituents attended so they could discuss the issues, ask questions and give me their input. A survey was conducted at each meeting and I would like to share the results with the House.

Over 90 per cent responded that they believe there should be mandatory AIDS testing of all immigrants to Canada. There was overwhelming support for the review of social programs and that they be focused on those who are truly in need. Over 90 per cent want section 745 removed from the Criminal Code to

eliminate possible early parole for those convicted of first degree murder. They also believe that the names of young offenders convicted of serious crimes should be made public.

On the issue of gun control, my constituents believe that the primary emphasis of new legislation should be placed on the criminal misuse of firearms and firearms smuggling and not new restrictions on legal gun owners.

Finally, I believe that I should represent my constituents and vote according to their wishes. I encourage all other members of the House to do the same.

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[Translation]

### MIL DAVIE SHIPYARD

**Mr. Michel Gauthier (Roberval, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, by refusing to take a firm stand on the Hibernia contract issue, the government has made another move which, combined with the actions of the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Industry, will lead MIL Davie straight to disaster.

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We learned over the weekend that the Minister of Industry had been keeping secret for more than a year a report on Canadian shipyards that urged the government to depend only on a small number of shipyards and drop MIL Davie.

In light of the unfair treatment of MIL Davie by the Hibernia consortium and the failure of the government to follow through with the Magdalen Islands ferry contract, does the Deputy Prime Minister recognize that all the actions of her government are being dictated by this secret report to the Minister of Industry, which has the MIL Davie slated for closure?

**Hon. Sheila Copps (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Environment, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, first of all, before answering the hon. member's question, let me say that I was relieved to learn that the Leader of the Opposition was on his way to recovery. In the months to come, he will have to exhibit incredible strength, something we all know he is capable of, and we wish him much courage in getting better. Knowing the Leader of the Opposition—he is a real fighter—we are confident that he will return quickly.

[English]

In the name of all Canadians I would wish the Leader of the Opposition a very speedy recovery. The whole of Canada was watching the events of the last few days. Our hearts go out to him and to his family. We wish his speedy return to the House.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.