

why the Greek government purchased the Lockheed aircraft over the Canadian?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it is my impression that this explanation was given to the House by my colleague, the Minister of National Defence, in which he justified the selection of Lockheed. It was selected purely on the basis of its general advantage to Canada.

**Mr. Nystrom:** I am talking about Greece, not Canada. I know the Acting Prime Minister is having a little difficulty. There has been a call in Greece for an inquiry to determine why that government purchased Lockheed transport airplanes rather than planes from Canadair despite the fact that Canadair aircraft are cheaper and operate much more efficiently according to air force officers in Greece itself. Bearing in mind the implication for employment in this country, does the Acting Prime Minister have an explanation from the Greek government as to why they purchased Lockheed aircraft rather than our own despite the fact they are much more expensive?

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**Mr. Sharp:** No, Mr. Speaker, I do not. But I will inquire and ascertain whether there is some explanation, because we are anxious to sell our aircraft wherever we can.

REQUEST FOR LIST OF CONTRACTS FOR WHICH LOCKHEED  
WAS IN COMPETITION WITH CANADIAN FIRM

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Can the Acting Prime Minister provide us with a list of all contracts in connection with which a Canadian aircraft firm was in direct competition with Lockheed?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Acting Prime Minister):** I do not know whether we would have that information. Most of the companies concerned are private companies and they would not necessarily provide us with that information. However, I will see what I can do to satisfy the hon. member's curiosity.

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### HOUSING

RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM—  
REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of State for Urban Affairs I should like to direct a question to his parliamentary secretary and ask him whether he has any up-to-date information on the proposed residential rehabilitation assistance program which was to be announced. I know we would like to hear about it.

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I can at least confirm some leaks which were put out last week, I do not know by whom. The maximum amount of money a home owner may borrow from CMHC to rehabilitate a house will be increased from \$5,000 to \$10,000 under

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the new RRAP regulations. The maximum amount of grant in the form of loan forgiveness is increased from \$2,500 to \$3,750. This grant portion of an RRAP loan is determined by various factors, including the size of the loan and the borrower's income. RRAP funds are intended primarily for moderate income persons who want to extend the useful lives of their houses.

**Some hon. Members:** Speech!

**Mr. Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** The program is not universal but is closely associated with the Neighbourhood Improvement Program which is helping many municipalities preserve and improve older urban neighbourhoods in danger of decay or destruction.

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

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### NATIONAL PARKS

ENTRANCE FEES—REQUEST FOR REMOVAL FROM HISTORIC  
PARKS

**Mr. Dean Whiteway (Selkirk):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It has to do with a subject I raised in the House last week and, particularly, with a statement which the minister himself made last Friday. Now that he has had an opportunity over the weekend to reflect more deeply on the facts, can the hon. gentleman tell the House when he will make a second revision of the fee structure which will remove completely the fee structure presently governing admission to our four national historic parks.

**Hon. Judd Buchanan (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** That is not our intention, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Whiteway:** Bearing in mind the marked decline in admissions and the reasons given by the minister last year when the fee structure was set up, and taking into consideration, also, the results in terms of revenue versus the expense incurred in collecting the money, would the minister undertake a study to determine whether any admission fee at all should be charged to those entering our parks?

**Mr. Buchanan:** That type of study was conducted prior to the change which was announced last Friday.

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### HEALTH

PHARMACARE—GOVERNMENT INTENTIONS WITH REGARD TO  
ESTABLISHING PLAN

**Mr. Frank Hamilton (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Health and Welfare. Is it the intention of the government to establish a Canada wide drug plan?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Would the hon. member clarify his question? Does he mean Pharmacare, or something else?