

people in Canada and the complete absence of jobs for those people, and in view of the fact that Government-sponsored vocational training positions are overbooked with long-waiting lists, will the Minister bring in changes to the Unemployment Insurance Act which will permit unemployment insurance recipients to improve their job qualifications by attending school? Will the Minister take this step to help these workers prepare for new job opportunities which will become available when the economy improves?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, perhaps before answering the Hon. Member's question specifically, we should provide some alteration to his basic premise that there are not jobs available. As I pointed out in this House last Friday, every month there are some 250,000 jobs taken up by the unemployed moving back into the market. Indeed this Government is supplying through a number of its job creation programs, jobs for well over 100,000 Canadians at the present period of time.

As far as a specific answer to his question is concerned, the Unemployment Insurance Act already has within it provisions to allow those who are unemployed to take up training positions; so I would recommend that he read the Act.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

CASE OF CANADIAN PROFESSOR—DOCUMENT SHOWN BY SECURITY SERVICE

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General, and I will speak slowly as he returns to his seat. He indicated yesterday that the spy, Hambleton, had been shown a document. Will he tell us what exactly was shown by Canadian officials to the spy, Hambleton, in 1980?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): Madam Speaker, yesterday when I was asked that question I did not have the full information, so I am glad to have the question again today.

He was shown, on a separate piece of paper, a paragraph from an internal memorandum sent by headquarters of the Security Service to the operative member of the Security Service who was dealing with Mr. Hambleton. The document is a national security document. I have reviewed it, and I do not feel, to anticipate his question in reply to the question asked earlier this day, that that document should be made public.

BASIS FOR DOCUMENT

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, was this memorandum based upon a Department of Justice opinion?

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Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): Madam Speaker, I am not certain if "based upon" is a term of art. It referred to that opinion. It communicated that opinion, and it set out some instructions and advice for the operative.

Mr. Epp: For the spy.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN TABLING LEGAL ADVICE

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, so we now know that there was an opinion by the Department of Justice, part of which was communicated to the spy, Hambleton. That is the case.

The Minister will know that on November 30 the Minister of Justice tabled in committee legal advice from the Department of Justice that implicated certain members of the RCMP. Is the Solicitor General telling us that there will now be a practice that the Government of Canada will table letters of advice from the Department of Justice, which implicate the RCMP, but will not table letters of advice which implicate a convicted spy, as in the case of Hambleton?

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If that is the case, will one Minister or the other, and we will probably get different answers from each of them, tell us how in the world they can justify keeping from the Parliament of Canada information that was given to a convicted spy?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): Madam Speaker, when I referred to "based upon" in the Hon. Member's earlier question, I wanted to make it very clear that there was much more to the internal memorandum than just legal advice. It is a national security document. Part of it was to be shown to Hambleton. It was designed with that in mind. The rest of it is not to be made public. It is part of one whole document which I do not propose to make public.

PURPOSE IN SHOWING DOCUMENT

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Leader of the Opposition): Madam Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Solicitor General. It was "designed" to be shown to Mr. Hambleton. For what purpose, as an inducement?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): Madam Speaker, it was to be shown to Hambleton to demonstrate to him the view of the Department of Justice and the decision of the Minister of Justice respecting prosecution. I should add that he was only shown one paragraph of the total memorandum. That is the paragraph which was in that letter that was waved that I was asked about the other day, and that I looked into.