

*Oral Questions*

prepared to introduce mandatory guidelines for the "Falconbridges" of the country?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, on the contrary I think there is abundant evidence that voluntarism has been working. The Falconbridge example is a bad one and we trust that it will be changed.

Three weeks ago I asked Archbishop Ted Scott, who served for Canada on the Eminent Persons Group in the Commonwealth, to undertake direct consultations with companies in Canada and the United States which had practised disinvestment recently or were intending disinvestment. Archbishop Scott reports to me that there is a very positive attitude on the part of the Canadian business community, that there may well be actions in the very near future with respect to disinvestment, and that he has some recommendations to put before me which may allow us to make even more effective the voluntary approach to this problem which has been effective so far in Canada.

I would hope that this House of Commons, believing as it does in trying to encourage people to lead rather than forcing them by laws, would applaud that attitude which has been shown by the Canadian business community.

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**REVENUE CANADA****INFORMATION DISCLOSED TO NEWSPAPER REPORTER**

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. Around 3.30 in the afternoon of last Tuesday a reporter from the *Windsor Star* called the Revenue Canada general inquiries number in Ottawa. Using his editor's name, social insurance number and date of birth, he said that he had lost his copy of his 1985 tax return and needed some information from it.

The journalist received by telephone the amount of his editor's charitable donations, he learned that he did not claim any extra medical expenses, and that his wife's income was not in his return because she had filed a separate tax return. What does the Minister of National Revenue have to say to the House about that?

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, my response to my colleague is the same as it was when he raised the question of his own tax return in that regard. I have caused an investigation to be made. There is more than one district office involved. An audit trail has been left. We have identified the employee. There was some

additional information supplied. When I have a complete picture, I will report to the House.

[Translation]

CONFIDENTIALITY OF INCOME TAX RETURNS—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou):** Mr. Speaker, will the Minister take appropriate action to ensure that the confidentiality of the tax returns filed by Canadians is respected?

[English]

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, I certainly shall.

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**EMERGENCY MEASURES****NUCLEAR ATTACK CONTINGENCY ADVICE**

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Public Works who has now had ample time to peruse the publication put out by his Department a few weeks ago advocating that prudent Canadians would do such things as dig a shallow trench for themselves and their family members and cover it over with boards in the event of a nuclear attack. Does the Minister really believe that this is appropriate advice for the Government of Canada to be giving to prudent Canadians?

**Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Public Works):** Indeed I do, Mr. Speaker. For the past 25 years Governments have been printing publications of this kind at the request of Canadians. Indeed, some 4,800 requests have been received by the Government since August. A good number of other countries have asked for a copy of this publication because it has that kind of merit.

**COST OF PUBLICATION**

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, it cost \$140,000 of taxpayers' money to publish 140,000 issues of this publication. Of those, 100,000 are still sitting in a warehouse and 40,000 have been distributed, 8,000 to Americans. Does the Minister believe that it is appropriate to use \$140,000 of taxpayers' money to produce this bizarre, macabre publication?

**Hon. Stewart McInnes (Minister of Public Works):** Mr. Speaker, the cost is \$145,697.11. The Government considers that to be a very appropriate expenditure because Canadians have asked for some guidance and direction on what they might do in their homes in case of a nuclear attack.