

*Inquiries of the Ministry*

a matter of most serious concern to many thousands of Chinese in my constituency. For the protection of the good name of democracy in Canada, will the Prime Minister say whether he will accede to the request for a meeting with the representatives of the Chinese groups who, in a letter to him of August 4, alleged acts of intimidation and threats of harm to relatives in China if they acted contrary to directives from Peking?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I did receive such a letter from them making these allegations and we are trying to seek out the truth behind them. As yet we have no evidence that these allegations are well-founded, but we are still looking into the matter.

**Mr. Winch:** Mr. Speaker, may I say that I have addressed a letter to all the Chinese groups in Vancouver. If I receive the evidence asked for, will that be sufficient for the Prime Minister to have a meeting with them?

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[Translation]

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## ALLEGED SHORTAGE OF BILINGUAL GUIDES DURING SUMMER

**Mr. Oza Tétrault (Villeneuve):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask a question of the right hon. Prime Minister.

Is he aware that in summer it is quite difficult for tourists to get bilingual guides for a visit to Parliament? The same question was asked last year and we were assured that such a situation would change—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member will understand that this matter lies within the purview of the House of Commons administration and that under the circumstances it should rather be directed to the Chair in the usual way.

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[English]

## HIGHWAYS

## CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS ON COMPLETION OF ALASKA HIGHWAY

**Mr. R. N. Thompson (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary for External Affairs. In view of the discussions that are now taking place regarding the completion of the Alaska highway could the government outline its participation in these conferences and inform the House of its initiatives?

**Hon. Mitchell Sharp (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I shall look into the question of the conferences to see whether or not we are participating and answer when I have the information.

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## NATIONAL SECURITY

## CUSTODY AND JURISDICTION OVER FILES

**Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, in light of the Prime Minister's answers yesterday with

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regard to the new security force in Canada or unit, as he calls it, or headless group, I would like to put this question to the Solicitor General. Who has custody and jurisdiction at this time over the files on security in Canada? Has there been any change in this regard, or is there a change planned as to custody and jurisdiction over these files?

[Translation]

**Hon. Jean-Pierre Goyer (Solicitor General):** No, Mr. Speaker, it is still the RCMP.

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[English]

## IMMIGRATION

## INQUIRY AS TO BILL TO AMEND ACT OR TABLING OF WHITE PAPER

**Mr. S. Perry Ryan (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Manpower and Immigration. With respect to the Immigration Act, does the minister plan or intend to bring in an amending bill at this session or to table a white paper?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think the exact order of business for the remaining part of this session will be a matter for discussion with the House leaders and at this stage I cannot make any comment.

**Mr. Ryan:** Has the minister prepared something along either of these lines and is it ready?

**Mr. Lang:** Mr. Speaker, we have been working on possible amendments to the legislation for some significant time—

**Mr. Ryan:** Six years.

**Mr. Lang:**—and certainly are giving full consideration to all of these matters.

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● (2:50 p.m.)

## GRAIN

## WITHHOLDING BY GOVERNMENT OF PAYMENTS UNDER TEMPORARY WHEAT RESERVES ACT

**Mr. John Burton (Regina East):** I have a question for the Minister of Finance. In view of the very specific obligation imposed on the Minister of Finance in the Temporary Wheat Reserves Act to make certain payments within a specified time period, has the Minister of Finance, or possibly his colleague the minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board, asked the Minister of Justice for a legal opinion on the validity of the action or lack of action by the Minister of Finance and has a legal opinion been given?

**Hon. E. J. Benson (Minister of Finance):** Not to me, no, Mr. Speaker.

**Mr. Burton:** I should like to ask the Minister of Finance if the Canadian Wheat Board has informed the government or the minister of the amount due to the Canadian