

Oral Questions

amended to bring it into compliance with the recommendations of the Davis-Lewis accord? Did he get a commitment yesterday that they would do something concrete about living up to their commitment?

● (1450)

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, we have a commitment written down very clearly in the report of the acid rain envoys.

An Hon. Member: Are they living up to it?

Mr. Blaikie: Let him talk.

Mr. Mulroney: My hon. friend from the New Democratic Party asks the right question. Are they living up to it? The answer is, no, and we very much want to make sure they do.

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THE ADMINISTRATION**OERLIKON LAND TRANSACTION AT SAINT-JEAN—RCMP REPORT**

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, returning to the investigation, the Prime Minister tells the House that there will be an investigation conducted only by the RCMP.

An Hon. Member: He didn't say that.

Mr. Kaplan: The Prime Minister knows that an investigation by the RCMP terminates in the laying of charges or in the closing of a file. In this case, if no charges are laid or if matters arise in the course of the investigation which constitute wrongdoing but not crimes, will there be a report by the RCMP to the Government? And will the Prime Minister undertake now that that report will be made public?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend asks in that event will there be a report by the RCMP to the Government. The Hon. Member received, as I understand it, a letter from the Commissioner of the RCMP on January 21 wherein the Commissioner—

Ms. Copps: You are reading his mail now?

Mr. Mulroney: A copy was sent to the Government and I take the liberty of reading it. It says that "should we come across activity that might be considered unpropitious to good government, even though short of provable criminal conduct on the part of senior officials, elected or otherwise, it is our responsibility to make our concerns known to either the Prime Minister or the Solicitor General in accordance with established reporting procedures." Of course we will act upon any information which is brought to our attention.

An Hon. Member: You make it public.

Mr. Kaplan: I would be glad to have a copy of that letter to me because I haven't received it yet.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

REQUEST THAT REPORT BE MADE PUBLIC

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Taking what the Prime Minister has read to me, that there may well be a report made to the Prime Minister or the Solicitor General, will the Prime Minister undertake now on behalf of himself and his colleague that any such report will be made public?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, while my hon. friend may not have a copy of this letter, he knows full well there is nothing very revolutionary in it. This is the way the RCMP has acted for decades.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, no.

Mr. Ouellet: Answer the question.

Mr. Mulroney: This is the manner in which it has set out its policy.

Mr. Gauthier: You make it public.

Mr. Mulroney: Surely there can be no doubt about that. The Commissioner of the RCMP says very clearly that in the event they are investigating any alleged criminal wrongdoing and they come across any information of any kind which would be of interest to the Government with regard to alleged violations in other fields, they will of course bring it to the attention of the Government, the Solicitor General, immediately, and the Government will of course act upon it.

I tell my hon. friend that if the requirement is in any way to make it public, of course we will make it public. That is exactly the object of the exercise.

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CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

REQUEST THAT INQUIRY BE HELD INTO CLOVERDALE AFFAIR

Mr. Robert Toupin (Terrebonne): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. He was here earlier, but since he has left, I shall ask it to the Prime Minister. This question concerns the Cloverdale affair.

On September 23, 1986, the Minister received a communication from the Hon. Member for Spadina asking, first, for a public or judicial inquiry to be held on a suspicious transaction made in 1980 by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the non-profit corporation Logisque, and second, for the 736 low rental units to be transferred to the Cloverdale Park Tenants Co-operative.