

United States of improper conduct on the part of the Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit, a police co-operative. Can the minister now report to the House?

**Hon. Robert K. Andras (Minister of Manpower and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, we have an annual membership in this particular group for which we pay \$30. As the hon. member knows, our immigration policy is global in scope and we do subject people who are seeking permanent residence in Canada to character and background checks. We have been members of this organization but I am not familiar with its style of operation. It is rarely used and we are examining continuation of membership in it at the present time.

**Mr. Beatty:** A supplementary question. The question I asked the minister last week was whether or not he could assure the House that allegations made by some United States police forces of improper activity on the part of the LEIU were in fact incorrect. Secondly, may I ask the minister why his department feels it is necessary to belong to a police co-operative to gain information of possible criminal activities by individuals as opposed to relying on the policing ability of the RCMP to supply that information?

**Mr. Andras:** Mr. Speaker, we do not conduct surveillance in other countries, but we do rely on the exchange with friendly nations of information of a police nature. As for the particular organization to which the hon. member referred, I indicated that we are taking a look at it. I was not aware of these allegations until I heard them the other day. I am not even sure whether they are true. Our examination of the matter will involve checking the validity of the allegations or otherwise.

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### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

REASON FORCE DOES NOT BELONG TO LAW ENFORCEMENT INTELLIGENCE UNIT

**Mr. Perrin Beatty (Wellington-Grey-Dufferin-Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, I have a final supplementary question for the Solicitor General. If the services provided by the LEIU in terms of providing police information on individuals who might be involved in crimes is as important as appears to be the case as far as the Department of Manpower and Immigration is concerned, why does the RCMP not belong to the organization instead of relying upon the Department of Manpower and Immigration to supply information generated by the LEIU for the RCMP when that information originates with police forces across North America?

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General):** Mr. Speaker, I do not know whether this organization provides the information in the manner described by the hon. member, but the RCMP obtains its information with regard to criminal activities from police forces in other countries and not from private organizations.

**Mr. Beatty:** One of the officials said they did.

### Oral Questions

#### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

ALLEGED ILLEGAL DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS BY CHAIRMAN OF CANADIAN LIVESTOCK FEED BOARD—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Ron Huntington (Capilano):** Mr. Speaker, in Belleville the right hon. Prime Minister was reported as agreeing that Dr. Morgentaler was a fine humanitarian, and quoted as follows:

I have known him for 20 years. The point is that he deliberately broke the law. When a man deliberately does this he can't complain about being put in jail.

If this reporting is correct, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether the same logic and justice should not apply to the minister responsible and the Chairman of the Canadian Livestock Feed Board who were examined under paragraph 38 of the Auditor General's report and found to have deliberately disbursed \$822,000 from their funds after being advised they had no legal authority to do so?

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I fail to see, first of all, that the Prime Minister could be expected to have that information at his fingertips and, even if he did, how he could give that information without expressing a legal opinion on a matter outside his jurisdiction.

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#### ENERGY

OIL—PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL FLOOR PRICE—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that the International Energy Agency is meeting tomorrow and one of the items on the agenda for discussion is a floor price for world oil, could the Prime Minister indicate what position Canada is taking? Are we supporting the proposition that there should be an international floor price for oil established?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I think we would like to see such a price established, but we are not very hopeful about the possibility. The minister at the meeting will be trying to respond to other governments' positions and come back to this government with a reference to see if we want to take any steps in Canada. I would just remind the hon. member that we have, of course, had an administered price in Canada now for a year and a half, and in that sense it is not contrary to government thinking to have a certain price for oil, but whether this is the kind of result we can get in Paris is something I cannot predict.

**Mr. Gillies:** Mr. Speaker, I would again ask the right hon. Prime Minister whether the minister in Paris is putting forward any specific figure as being the price that Canada thinks might be acceptable as the floor price for oil on the international market?

**Mr. Trudeau:** Mr. Speaker, we have talked about figures in Cabinet but the minister will not put any binding