

*Oral Questions*

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I would have to take a look at the records again, but my recollection is that not so long ago Canada's contribution had declined to 0.9 of 1 per cent of GNP during the record of the previous Government, which is, I think, the lowest of all the OECD countries. It has since moved up gently. When we took over I believe it was at 1.13 per cent.

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** Check your facts on that one!

**Mr. Mulroney:** The fact of the matter is that the Government of which the Hon. Member was a part drove scientists out of Canada into the United States. We are in the process of trying to bring them back. The Hon. Member should stand up and help us, as opposed to expressing the negativism in which the Liberal Party constantly indulges.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## GOVERNMENT POSITION ON CUT-BACKS

**Mr. David Berger (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister ought to check his facts or else he ought to reread his book. My question is also for the Prime Minister.

In trying to defend the indefensible cuts at the National Research Council the Minister of State for Science and Technology said yesterday: "Please, I do not enjoy this. None of my colleagues in Cabinet enjoyed what we had to do". Why did the Prime Minister and his cabinet colleagues have to do this? How can he justify cuts which are damaging Canada's ability to compete, and which are destroying Canada's pre-eminent research institute and the morale of scientists across the country? Why did he and his cabinet colleagues—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member will realize, of course, that he has repeated the same question.

**Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Mr. Speaker, what I do not enjoy doing, and what my cabinet colleagues do not enjoy doing, is having to correct in the shortest time possible 20 years of deliberate policies of neglect in the area of science and technology.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Berger:** Mr. Speaker, by his own mouth the Minister and his cabinet colleagues stand condemned.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[Translation]

REQUEST THAT MINISTER TABLE DOCUMENTS ON WHICH DECISION TO MAKE CUT-BACKS BASED

**Mr. David Berger (Laurier):** Mr. Speaker, I want to ask the Minister whether he is prepared to table in the House the studies on which he based his decision to cut the 20 million, as

well as a list of the groups he consulted and of recommendations made by members of the NRC.

[English]

**Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of State for Science and Technology):** Mr. Speaker, last night there was a meeting of the standing committee at which I tabled very important information. It is terribly unfortunate that the Hon. Member does not consider it important enough to attend such meetings.

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

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## OLYMPICS

## SALE OF TICKETS FOR 1988 WINTER OLYMPICS IN CALGARY

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport. As the Minister knows, some 85 per cent of the tickets for the 1984 Summer and Winter Olympics were made available to members of the general public who wanted to attend the most popular events. Considering that there is a report out which states that some 50 per cent of tickets for the upcoming Olympics in Calgary have been reserved for a small so-called Olympic family, can the Minister confirm that this is the case? Can he tell Members of the House why so many people in the general public are being excluded if such a policy is in place?

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**Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)):** Mr. Speaker, I can confirm that the report is erroneous. The Hon. Member is misinformed. Seventy-five per cent of ticket sales for the Calgary Olympics will be made available to the general public and 25 per cent will go to the so-called Olympic family, including national organizations, sponsorship groups, the IOC itself, and others. That compares favourably with the Los Angeles Olympics and falls under IOC Rule No. 60.

## PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO POPULAR EVENTS

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister will know that the reports were not about events in general but about the most popular events. It has been suggested that public access to tickets for the more popular events including hockey games, figure skating, and speed skating, will be considerably more restricted than he has just said. Will the Minister reassure the House that that is not the case and that the Canadian Olympics will indeed be open to the general public?

**Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)):** The Calgary Olympics will indeed be open to the