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determine which firearms should be prohibited. Once our consultation is complete I hope, as I said this morning, that we can publish the list of prohibited firearms in June.

The important thing is that the regulations have to be tabled in the House. Members of the House of Commons have 30 days to study them, but the other regulations prohibiting firearms are not subject to this 30-day period. So, in June, I will be able to publish the orders that will come into effect immediately.

[English]

Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, surely the minister must be aware that she has to be faster because these paramilitary weapons are flowing into this country, pending the government bringing in these Orders in Council.

I want to ask the minister a supplementary question. Is the minister aware of the January 1992 issue of *Canadian Handgun* which suggests to the members of the Ontario Handgun Association that they should pick off members of Parliament who support gun control by stacking their nomination meetings.

If I might quote, they claim that they picked off the previous member for Vancouver Centre and they say: "It is time to send some more shivers down their backs". They say further: "For those of you who wish to support the Reform Party you can belong to as many political parties as you wish. This means you can still support the Reform Party while you are causing havoc in another".

What does the minister think of those tactics? In view of those tactics and in view of the paramilitary weapons flowing into this country, why is she delaying bringing down these regulations and these Orders in Council which Canadians demand?

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, long before this House voted on the legislation to enhance our gun control legislation, I put in place a consultative committee in the spring of 1990 to advise me and the government on criteria for prohibiting weapons. Those regulations and Orders in Council will be ready in June and we will act.

I can tell this hon. member that no one on this side of the House will subvert the well-being of Canadians, will abdicate their duty, because of the kinds of threats he is

reading from that particular magazine. The proof is in the pudding in the support that members on this side of the House and in fact members on all sides of the House have given to that legislation.

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We are not afraid of controversy. We are not afraid of tough decisions. We will defend the public interest of Canada. People can write whatever they want.

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, likewise my question is for the Minister of Justice.

In bringing down her regulations today, the minister stated in her press release that the regulations would take effect at a time to be determined.

The minister has been working on these regulations and on this question for two years. As she can appreciate, Canadians want stronger gun control immediately.

When will these regulations come into effect? When can Canadians get the stronger gun control that they demand?

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the hon. members question. I will be publishing a list of implementation dates.

As the hon. member will understand, some of the regulations require some co-operation with the provinces in the putting into place of administrative schemes and the training of firearms officers.

I can tell the hon. member simply from memory that the last implementation date will be the date for the implementation of the training provisions. That requires us to complete negotiations with the provinces about what the kind of curriculum will be, et cetera, and to train as many as 4,000 instructors across the country. That will be the last implementation date. That will be July 1993.

All the other provisions will be implemented sooner than that. I will be very happy to make public our proposed dates within the next couple of weeks. What I have done, in discussing this with my officials and with my staff, is to press to have the implementation date as soon as possible. What we are trying to do is simply reconcile that sense of urgency with the ability of ourselves and the provincial authorities to deliver on those promises.