

fully the wealthy, ruthless and sophisticated network of drug traffickers.

Can the Solicitor General assure the House and the people in my riding of Kitchener who want the police to have all the possible resources in their battle against the drug trade that 90 per cent of the cash assets realized by drug traffickers will be turned over to the local municipalities?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I want to commend my hon. friend for the effort he is putting into combating this very serious problem in his community.

The government is actively pursuing a consultation process with the municipalities and the provinces with a view to sharing the proceeds of crime among the three levels of government. I should point out that the proceeds would go to the paying authority and not the actual police forces.

At the same time we are actively pursuing an office of asset management in order to look after the assets as they proceed from seizure to forfeiture. We expect to be ready to proceed in the House in the very near future.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

Mr. John Brewin (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of National Defence.

In her answer to the question from the hon. member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception I submit that she revealed the fatal flaw in the government's present approach to the defence policy.

She tried to justify continuing pouring billions of dollars into the reserve program, which the Auditor General said is a complete shambles. Second, she continues to justify increasing capital spending on cold war equipment which is no longer relevant in a period when the government is actually beginning to finally decrease the money it is spending on defence. She cannot have it both ways. Something has to give.

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Will the Minister of National Defence not agree that the peacekeeping capacity of Canada is what it is giving

and that the defence policy of this government needs a complete review?

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. John Brewin (Victoria): Mr. Speaker, it shows how you can stay in office for a month and you can already say no. When she was appointed Minister of National Defence one of the things she was quoted as saying was that there should be a public review of defence policy. Has the minister changed her mind?

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of National Defence and Minister of Veterans Affairs): No, Mr. Speaker. I simply do not accept the premise of the preamble, with respect to the answer to the second part of the question.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, reports out of Montreal have made it clear that the UI reform will cost that city in excess of \$490 million.

Would the Minister of Finance table in the House the impact studies which have been done on this UI reform, not only for the great city of Montreal but indeed for every urban centre across this country? Will the Minister of Finance table those impact studies?

Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Employment and Immigration has responded to those questions earlier in the Question Period.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Public Works. It relates to the spec system for engineers and architects who apply for government contract work.

It seems that the spec system works better for the larger firms and in some ways excludes or puts the smaller firms in not as good a position as the larger firms.

Will the minister review this program to ensure that the smaller firms can have access to government contracts as do the big firms? That is where they get most of their experience so they can build and progress.