

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, when the survey is being conducted are the people of whom questions are asked told the questions are in respect of a survey being conducted by the minister's department?

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, those attending the seminar held at the inauguration of the study consisted of team leaders, 32 in number, who were all graduate students, mostly graduates in sociology. They were brought to Ottawa and told that the students they had in their teams to conduct the survey should let it be known that they were not peeping toms, that they were not conducting something in secret and that they should identify themselves.

STUDY OF CULTURE BY DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL
HEALTH AND WELFARE—REQUEST
FOR STATEMENT

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, in view of the very strange stories associated with this project will the minister undertake to make a statement to the House on Monday or perhaps on Friday in order that we may know what is really going on? It seems that the Prime Minister, who has been trying to get the government out of the nation's bedrooms, is now trying to get it into the bathrooms and the haylofts.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

STUDY OF CULTURE BY DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL
HEALTH AND WELFARE—FINGERPRINTING
OF EMPLOYEES

Mr. Eldon M. Woolliams (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask this question of the Minister of National Health and Welfare although perhaps it should be directed to the Solicitor General. It has to do with the survey being conducted by the government. Has the government changed its security practices because of this survey and are summer employees now being fingerprinted? Has the RCMP been given such instructions?

Hon. John C. Munro (Minister of National Health and Welfare): No, Mr. Speaker, there is no fingerprinting or anything of that type involved in this study.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Munro: I am not aware of this having taken place although I can speak only in reference to this study.

Mr. Woolliams: Mr. Speaker, just to clear the air, could the minister assure us that no young person being employed by the government in this or any other government sponsored service is being fingerprinted?

Mr. Munro: I can speak only for this particular study.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Munro: I am not aware of this having taken place, in reference to this study, nor am I aware of it having

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gone on in respect of any other studies that have been conducted where youth are involved.

Mr. Nesbitt: Mr. Speaker, I would ask the minister to undertake to make a statement to the House in respect of how this project is being carried on.

Mr. Munro: Mr. Speaker, perhaps as the result of intelligent questions from hon. members opposite, for which the hon. member is not noted—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Munro: —I could give definitive information.

Some hon. Members: Order!

Mr. Nesbitt: I have a supplementary question.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Chair recognizes the hon. member for Champlain.

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AIR CANADA

TROIS-RIVIÈRES—DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

Mr. René Matte (Champlain): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Transport.

Is he aware of Air Canada's intention to discontinue its air service at Trois-Rivières and, if so, does he intend to intervene personally in order to prevent this?

[English]

Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I have been advised in the normal way of the intention of Air Canada. As for interventions, they can only come at the appropriate time, which would be following a decision by the Canadian Transport Commission. That decision can only be taken after every prescribed step has been taken, that is, submissions as to public reaction and the like. If the ultimate decision is not satisfactory to certain parties, as I recall it they have the right of appeal to the minister.

[Translation]

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Minister of Transport.

Could he tell the House whether the municipal or regional authorities in Trois-Rivières have made representations to him with regard to that decision?

[English]

Mr. Jamieson: Not to my knowledge, Mr. Speaker. I will be glad to check whether anything has come in within the last day or two, but certainly it has not in recent times.