In February of this year William Henry Williams was sentenced to six years in prison for incest. Last month his sentence was reduced to four years. Now, after only nine months in prison, he is eligible for parole and his daughter Sandra is afraid.

For 13 years this man molested his daughter, sometimes raping her twice a day. A few years in jail is far too lenient for a man who inflicted such a lifetime of suffering on an innocent daughter.

What measures will the minister take to ensure that people convicted of committing these horrifying crimes remain in jail for at least as long as the abuse took place, and that they serve their entire sentences?

Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, the House will know that Bill C-36, which was proclaimed as of November 1, tightens up the measures for sexual offenders considerably. As well, and I appreciate that this is a new area of the law, we have made allowance in the law for victim impact statements to be given to the parole boards and also any victim will be given all of the details of the parole.

This has been in effect for a month now and we are monitoring the parole board hearings where victims have been in attendance. As far as we can determine, it is working well and we will continue to monitor the system.

INDIAN AFFAIRS

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Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General.

Does the Solicitor General know that the band leadership of Kanesatake is very concerned about the security of its community and it asks the federal government for help with respect to policing.

In fact, the Mohawk have asked the government for assistance in training the community watch force. They want a liaison arrangement with the RCMP so that this force can be trained properly and they will have a competent force composed of both native and non-native people.

When is the Solicitor General going to meet with Grand Chief Peltier to enter into a plan to implement this request?

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Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, we are making some progress at Kahnawake in meeting with the native people there and dealing with the peacekeeper situation.

I will be quite frank with my hon. friend; I know of no current request from Grand Chief Peltier for assistance at Kanesatake. I shall contact my officials immediately after Question Period and get back to my hon. friend, perhaps during the vote.

The Solicitor General's department has responsibility for the new native policing policy now. We have negotiated several treaties across Canada and some are very close to completion in the province of Quebec. As for specific details on this particular situation, I will get back to my hon. friend.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister.

We are approaching the third anniversary of the incarceration of David Spencer and Christine Lamont. Canadians across the country and right here on Parliament Hill are maintaining a vigil on their behalf.

We have learned of Christine's illness. Hopefully it is a minor illness, but it could be life threatening. The prison conditions are dangerous and unacceptable.

On humanitarian grounds alone, will the Prime Minister honour his commitment to Premier McKenna and ask for their expulsion?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I made no such commitment to Premier McKenna at all.

In point of fact, the concept of expulsion which I raised with the President of Brazil and have subsequently written about to the new President of Brazil has been bandied about in a manner that is quite unfair to the families involved.

There seems to be the view that all one has to do is go and ask for the expulsion of a criminal, or an accused person or a convicted person in that country and the President will oblige.