

*Oral Questions***BREAST IMPLANTS**

**Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the same minister. The minister knows Canadian fruit and vegetable farmers already feel that they have been sold out under the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. These farmers do an incredible job ensuring food security for Canada, and all they want is to be assured by this government that they will be able to continue to provide this food security for all Canadians.

Why does the government refuse to give this guarantee to Canadian farmers?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I think the position of the Government of Canada has been extremely forthright and firm as far as the farmers of Canada are concerned.

The positions we have taken in both the multilateral negotiations in Geneva and in the North American free trade negotiations have been developed in concert, in full discussion with the farmers of Canada. It is a position that is supported by the farmers of Canada in both the North American as well as the Uruguay round negotiations.

**Mr. Lyle Vanclief (Prince Edward—Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister for International Trade.

The government knows that a system of tariffication will not provide the same level of protection for Canadian dairy, egg and poultry farmers as the present system. Yet reports out of the United States say that NAFTA negotiators are discussing a system of tariffication.

How can the government say that it is working against tariffication at the GATT negotiations and at the same time negotiate tariffication at the NAFTA negotiations?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, the simple fact is we are not negotiating that.

My hon. friend knows—it is an open secret—that a number of countries in the negotiations like to see tariffication without exception. That has been presented. But are we negotiating it with them? No, we are not negotiating it with them.

**Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, this past Monday the Minister of National Health and Welfare rose in the House and insisted that breast implants were not available to women in Canada because of the voluntary moratorium. Yet, in the March 9 edition of *Maclean's* magazine in an article called "Beauty and the Breast", it is reported that an Ontario woman ignored the controversy and had implants the first week in March.

Will the minister investigate and advise the House about this incident as well as how many other incidents of implant surgery have taken place since the moratorium?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, in the statements I made on breast implants in the last press release, I said that we had asked all concerned, surgeons as well as manufacturers, to refrain not only from using but also from obtaining silicone based breast implants. Of course, if my colleague refers to a specific case which can be investigated to determine exactly what happened, we shall do so and inform her accordingly.

[*English*]

**Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, I would assume that was a yes, that the minister will look into this incident and see if there are any other incidents as well.

Yesterday, the plastic surgeons of Quebec held yet another press conference on breast implants and Dr. Roland Charbonneau said that studies have shown women who have breast implants in their body "are getting frightened and it is not justified". He also said that women who want breast implants are "psychologically disabled. They are not happy about their image".

I want to tell the minister that I like my image just fine, and I want to ask the minister if he shares the views of this plastic surgeon that I along with 150,000 Canadian women who are implantees are psychologically disabled?