

Oral Questions

Mr. Bussi eres: So if the Hon. Member is interested in the answer, as far as the first part is concerned, the answer is no. Secondly, I can say that his question is based on a distortion of facts taken by his colleague from an answer I gave last week. I would therefore invite him to read *Hansard*, where he will see a very clear answer to the question put by his colleague.

[English]

NEWSPAPER REPORT

Hon. James A. McGrath (St. John's East): Mr. Speaker, I will quote from a newspaper dispatch by Mr. Ian Hunter, a well respected journalist, in which he says:

A taxation official confirmed that it is policy now to require MPs, like other citizens, to apply under the Access to Information Act—

That is the story. The Minister, I hope, is denying the accuracy of that story, because otherwise he is denying us, as Members of Parliament, to hold him responsible for his administrative incompetency.

Hon. Pierre Bussi eres (Minister of National Revenue): Mr. Speaker, I already answered the question of the Hon. Member. I said, no, and I told him to read the *Hansard*—

[Translation]

Mr. Mulroney: Answer the question!

Mr. Bussi eres: —Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Official Opposition is always the first one to talk about civility in the House, and he does not even have enough authority over his Members to ask them to at least have the decency to listen to the answers.

Let the Leader of the Official Opposition show a little more leadership and impose some discipline on the Members of his Party!

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[English]

TRANSPORT

AUTOMOBILE EMISSIONS—REQUEST FOR STRICTER CONTROLS

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. He is well aware that a group of Ministers of the Environment from Europe are meeting at the present time, hosted by his seat-mate. I am wondering if the Minister could announce—and this would be a good day for it—when the Government is going to bring in stricter automobile emission controls for Canadian cars, and on what model that will be.

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I answered a question, I believe last week in the House, on the same topic and indicated at the time that before any decision will be taken we must quite carefully review the series of studies which were commissioned through the Department of the Environment, with the co-operation of three or four

other Departments. Four of those studies are available to us now, and the Minister of the Environment and I have invited the industry which will be affected, as well as environmental organizations, to comment upon these studies and to consult with us so we can get their full view before making a decision. That invitation has already gone forward.

TIMETABLE FOR INTRODUCTION OF STRICTER CONTROLS

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, rumour has it that a government decision has been made and the controls will be on the 1990 models. That is at least six years down the road. Since approximately 86 per cent of all the automobiles manufactured in Canada are shipped to the United States with the proper emission controls on them, why can the Minister not up that and have the controls on at least the 1987 models? You do not need a long cabinet harangue to know that it is very necessary to do that if we expect the Americans to help us reduce acid rain. Why not put controls on the 1987 models, and at once?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I believe the Hon. Member is far too experienced and knowledgeable a Member of this House to base either his questions or judgments upon rumour. I believe what he should try to do is deal with facts, and the fact we are dealing with is that we have commissioned some studies which are designed to determine what the actual impact will be in relation to the cost. Before we take action on those studies, I feel it would be both prudent and necessary to ensure we have the full range of opinions from all the interested groups. That particular process, which I think is the responsible way to proceed, is under way.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

APPEAL IN SEXUAL HARASSMENT CASE

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice as the Minister responsible for the Canadian Human Rights Commission and the Minister responsible for giving legal advice to other government Departments. It concerns a sexual harassment case, the Robichaud case, which was the first sexual harassment case to go to a review tribunal of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, and which was won by the woman complainant. Would the Minister explain why this is being appealed and why his Department gave the advice to appeal this decision? How can the Minister encourage women to come forward in sexual harassment cases when his Department will, as soon as the woman wins the case, appeal it and try to get the decision overturned?

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): Mr. Speaker, I will have to refresh my mind on that case before giving a full answer to the Hon. Member. However, I would certainly like to indicate to her that we do not proceed entirely on the basis