

*Oral Questions*

question. That is clearly the desire of the federal Government. Numerical target-setting quotas have been established by the Government. I think that was proven in August of 1987. This initiative would put the visible minority target group on an equal footing with other target groups in the Public Service.

That has been coupled with a series of measures, including a \$10.5 million, 300 person-year special employment program, a visible minority employment office, a network of visible minority co-ordinators, special training modules and, as of June 30, 2,650 members of visible minority groups were registered in the Public Service's applicant inventory. Therefore, there is clearly progress which is the result of a deliberate policy of the Government.

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**IMMIGRATION****ALLEGATION CONCERNING GRANTING OF IMMIGRANT STATUS**

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. I have a copy of a confidential letter written to the Prime Minister from Mr. Renaud Paquet, the President of the Immigration Union.

The letter alleges that the Deputy Minister of Immigration has flagrantly breached immigration regulations by forcing his officials to grant landed immigrant status, contrary to the Immigration Act, to a visiting professor so that he may remain in Canada in order to teach the children of the Prime Minister and the Deputy Minister at the Claudel Lycée in Ottawa.

As it is vital I will read into the record that which the President of the Employment and Immigration Union had to say:

The employees at H.Q. Canada Immigration, are flabbergasted that, on your behalf, or on behalf of Mrs. Mila Mulroney, are abusing the queue jumping on behalf of Mr. George Grossman, who was given very favourable treatment on orders from Mr. Gatean Lussier, a close personal friend of Mr. Grossman, to accommodate the education of your own children at the Claudel Lycée in Ottawa.

These allegations are very serious and imply that the Prime Minister and Deputy Minister are above the law. Therefore, will the Deputy Prime Minister immediately order a full and public investigation into this affair so that Canadians may know the details and the appropriate action may be taken?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, until further notice it is my view that when Mr. Paquet has charges or comments or allegations to make, I suppose he will direct them where they belong.

Second, we will check the allegations behind that. Now, again, until further notice, this is part of the usual package from the Liberal Party.

[*English*]

**REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION**

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is also directed to the Deputy Prime Minister because we have received an unbelievable answer. We have a grievance—

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member had a very lengthy preamble to his first question. I know he would want to be as concise as possible in putting the supplementary question.

**Mr. Marchi:** I subscribe to your orders, Mr. Speaker. This serious allegation is not made by opposition Members but by the President of the union and a grievance has been filed with the union suggesting that officials were pressured into sidestepping the law. In order to clarify the situation and in order to ensure Canadians that no one is above the law, I ask the Deputy Minister again whether he will order a full investigation so that we may in fact know the details and take appropriate action when necessary?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Benoît Bouchard (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, same question, same answer. We will investigate.

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[*English*]

**CANADA DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION****COVERAGE OF REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS**

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Finance I would like to direct a question to the Deputy Prime Minister. Tens of thousands of Canadians have been persuaded that they could help to provide for their retirement years by putting savings into RRSPs as permitted by our income tax laws. Now because of the collapse of the Principal subsidiaries which were not covered by CDIC insurance, these Canadians will lose most of those savings.

Since so many of these people reside in the Deputy Prime Minister's province, isn't it time that the income tax law with respect to RRSPs was amended to require that such funds be invested in plans covered by CDIC coverage?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Privy Council and President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, the issue which the Hon. Member raised is indeed regrettable but I think the Minister of State for Finance has responded to this issue.

The Principal Trust issue is regulated by provincial authorities to the extent that the Canadian Deposit Insurance