

*Oral Questions***ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

DEPARTMENT'S REFUSAL TO PAY COURT ORDERED COSTS

Hon. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. It involves a case called *Her Majesty the Queen versus George Garnet Jackson*, which arose out of expropriation proceedings some years ago at the Vancouver airport. That case proceeded to the Supreme Court of Canada where it was dismissed. The Supreme Court of Canada has ordered \$4,000 in costs which has instructed law officials in Vancouver not to pay costs because the law officers in Vancouver now want to take a second action in another court. I would ask the Minister of Justice whether this is an appropriate way to proceed against a couple who have been in this lawsuit since 1974, who now have a judgment for costs from the Supreme Court of Canada in their favour, and who are no longer young? They are in their mid-seventies.

Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice): Madam Speaker, I have no personal knowledge about the case. Therefore, I will take my hon. friend's question as notice.

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PENITENTIARIES

EDMONTON INSTITUTION—WORK TO RULE SECURITY STAFF DECISION

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Solicitor General. As the Minister is no doubt aware, the security officers at the Edmonton maximum security institution have decided to work to rule because the many grievances that they have expressed to Commissioner Yeomans have not been dealt with. They have a deep concern as it relates not only to their own safety but to public safety. Can the Minister indicate what action he or his Department is going to take?

Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): Madam Speaker, I have reviewed the shift change procedure and the other changes that have been introduced recently at the Edmonton maximum security institution. As I am satisfied that they are not against the public interest and that they do not reduce the security of the institution, I do not propose to make any changes. In addition, from the reports I have on the work to rule program, I can assure the House that there is no danger to the community surrounding that institution or, indeed, to the people in it resulting from the work to rule campaign to the present point.

REQUEST FOR INQUIRY INTO GUARDS' GRIEVANCES

Mr. Peter Elzinga (Pembina): Madam Speaker, as the Minister is also no doubt aware, the security officers throughout all of Canada have expressed a vote of no confidence in the Commissioner. Will the Solicitor General conduct an independent inquiry into the information that he is receiving from the Commissioner so that we will have an independent inquiry as to the grievances which the security guards have

been expressing for over a year relating to some of the security precautions? We can then be assured that the Commissioner is telling the Solicitor General the truth. If that inquiry indicates that the Commissioner is not, would the Solicitor General ask for the Commissioner's resignation?

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Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada): Madam Speaker, I can assure the Hon. Member that I have confidence in the Commissioner and in his reports about the correctional service, but I think the Hon. Member should be aware also of how a Government department works.

I can assure the Member that I do not depend only up on the reports that I get from the Commissioner of the Correctional Service of Canada. I also meet with the union, with their leadership and with local branches, so that I am aware of their concerns. I meet with inmate committees, I meet with citizens' advisory committees. I receive hundreds of letters, indeed thousands of letters, referring to way the Correctional Service of Canada is operating, so the Hon. Member should be under no illusion that information to the Solicitor General is all channelled through one person, however reliable that person is. There are many sources of information upon which I base my judgment and the conclusions that I have expressed about the situation at Edmonton Institution, including his own view, to which I gave very serious consideration.

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EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR HAWKER SIDDELEY EXPORTS TO NIGERIA

Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Central Nova): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Economic Development in the absence of two of his brother Ministers who have jurisdiction. The Minister knows that the situation at Hawker Siddeley in Trenton, Nova Scotia, continues to be very serious, but there have been reports of progress in achieving orders for exports to Nigeria and Indonesia. Will the Minister indicate whether, since the company has achieved a favourable bidding position in Nigeria, the Government will in fact step forward through the Export Development Corporation and finance the order? Will the Government also give its assurances that the success the company has achieved in getting orders for exports to Nigeria, and Indonesia if this happens, will not be a factor in having its allocation of domestic orders reduced since it has achieved this success through its own initiatives and hard work?

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Madam Speaker, I am sure that the company deserves congratulations for the activities the Hon. Member has described. I will bring the question to the attention of my