

Can the Minister explain why the Department would, at public expense, be promoting military and military-related exports to countries which have major human rights violations or are in the midst of conflict or are CIDA recipients? Why are we, at public expense, promoting military exports to those countries?²⁵

Mr. Clark replied:

One of the reasons that we are prepared to promote military exports is because there are a number of Canadian jobs involved in the production of military equipment....the term 'military equipment' covers much more than weapons.²⁶

Liberal member Lloyd Axworthy asked Mr. Clark about tightening restrictions on Canadian exports given the ease with which Canadian arms can be shipped to countries through intermediary countries. Mr. Clark responded that he was willing to further examine the problem and said that he would welcome suggestions on the matter.²⁷

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