

*Oral Questions*

For example, one individual who is serving 15 years for arson and bombings also plotted a murder while still in prison. He received an additional 12 years and is now eligible for early parole for good behaviour.

It is clear that the parole board must receive new guidelines to deal with these underworld crime lords. Our law enforcement agencies must be given effective tools to protect society from this filth.

Justice must be done, not seen to be done, and all those who commit capital offences must serve all their time.

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**SPECIAL CANADIAN GRAINS PROGRAM****DELAY IN PAYMENTS TO ONTARIO AND QUÉBEC CORN PRODUCERS**

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, the Special Canadian Grains Program of the Department of Agriculture was set up to compensate Canadian farmers for their losses suffered as a result of the U.S. Farm Bill. The farmers who had seen their income drastically reduced were anxiously awaiting their cheques.

There was good news for some farmers, particularly those prairie farmers who were paid in February. I am really happy that they did manage to get their money. However, Ontario and Quebec corn producers will not be paid before the end of April. This situation is totally intolerable.

What it means for the Ontario grower in my riding is further losses. Those farmers will miss out on traditional discounts on purchases of products which are usually offered during the month of March. In some areas this will mean extra money to be reimbursed on loans that are now late for repayment because of this delay.

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I urge the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) to use his powers to accelerate the payments to Ontario grain producers. Those farmers have suffered enough under this Tory administration.

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[Translation]

**SPACE AGENCY****A SPATIAL CAPITAL!**

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** On March 23, the media reported that 160 highly specialized engineers would soon come to Ottawa to work for the Canadian Space Agency. The president of the National Research Council confirmed that 70 experts were already working on the orbital

station project within that organization and that that number would soon rise to 120.

It would be a disgrace to let these people settle in the National Capital Region and then force them to move with their families to Montreal or some place else in order to comply with some Tory electoral agenda.

The Government must have the courage to confirm once and for all that the space agency will be in the National Capital. I say it loud and clear: the Government is already setting up that agency little by little. The National Capital Region is spatial, but it is also very special.

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[English]

**TRADE****IMPORTS OF BROILER HATCHING EGGS AND CHICKS**

**Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt—Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, nobody likes the thought of gassing day-old baby chicks. What is not cute either is the flood of surplus American hatching eggs and chicks which are displacing domestic production.

Six years ago those imports amounted to 12 per cent of our needs. They will be double this year. This is hurting Canada's \$2.5 billion chicken industry of which \$100 million is our broiler hatching egg industry.

A national agency was proclaimed in November, 1986, but producers have not been able to get the Government to agree to border controls, very necessary underpinnings to supply management.

I call upon the Minister for International Trade (Miss Carney) to place broiler hatching eggs and chicks on the import control list to avoid further damage to this fledgling Canadian industry.

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[English]

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGES****COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL REPORT—GOVERNMENT POLICY**

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Acting Prime Minister. Under the Official Languages Act, the Commissioner of Official Languages has the power and duty to comment on the status of the official languages in Canada. In fact, he has been doing that in his reports for many years.

While we might not have used the same language as the Commissioner in his recent report, on the other hand we must recognize that his report was balanced and he criticized