

*Oral Questions*

tween Sky Shops Export Limited and the federal Department of Transport, what were the instructions that he gave to his then principal secretary?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure upon what the hon. member is basing his assertion that I personally gave instructions. My principal secretary was, in a general way, instructed to deal with constituents—by that, I mean not only people from my riding of Mount Royal but constituents across the country—who had some reason to want to see me. I could not make myself accessible personally to everyone, but he had instructions to try to deal with every reasonable request by any citizen of Canada, particularly if they came from the beautiful riding of Mount Royal, and to make sure they had access to government services, just as I am sure it is the duty of every member of this House to make sure that happens when they get requests from someone in their constituencies.

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**URBAN AFFAIRS**

**HUMAN SETTLEMENTS CONFERENCE, VANCOUVER—REASON FOR GRANTING ADVERTISING CONTRACT TO OGILVY AND MATHER**

**Hon. George Hees (Prince Edward-Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. Would the minister advise the House why his department has awarded a contract for advertising the meetings leading up to the Habitat Conference next spring to the wholly-owned subsidiary of Ogilvy and Mather Inc., of New York instead of to a Canadian advertising agency?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** As I understand it, Mr. Speaker, that is a Canadian company or it is in the process of becoming totally Canadian owned and, indeed, that was the understanding in respect of any agreement involved there.

**Mr. Hees:** Mr. Speaker, that is not my information.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Hees:** In view of the fact that this contract was awarded to the wholly-owned subsidiary of a United States corporation, I would ask if there was no truly Canadian company considered capable of handling this straightforward job, and what has happened to the government's professed policy of Canada first in this regard?

**Mr. Danson:** Mr. Speaker, I should point out that major advertising contracts with any agency for which I am responsible are placed with wholly-owned Canadian companies, and it was my understanding that this company was in the process of becoming completely Canadian owned. If that is not the case, I appreciate the hon. member's comment and will certainly check into it.

[Mr. Huntington.]

**HOUSING**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM—REASON FOR DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM IN SASKATCHEWAN**

**Mr. S. J. Korchinski (Mackenzie):** Mr. Speaker, I too have a question for the Minister of State for Urban Affairs. I understand that many communities in Saskatchewan have made application under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program and have been informed that the hold-up seems to be with CMHC. Would the minister inform us why there is this delay in processing these applications as some of these communities are waiting with the hope that they will be able to get started before the winter sets in?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of State for Urban Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, to my knowledge these agreements have not been signed with all the provinces, and I am rather disturbed about this. I do not know if reports are coming out. I understand there has been a second change of the minister responsible for housing in that province. I have met with the past two ministers but I have not yet met the new minister. I hope he remains long enough so we get the chance to know one another.

**Mr. Korchinski:** Mr. Speaker, could the minister indicate when he hopes to meet with the new minister since it can get pretty nippy in Saskatchewan, contrary to what happens in the Toronto area?

**Mr. Danson:** I understand we are to meet on the 25th for a nip.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**

**QUEBEC CRIME PROBE—REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL OBJECTION TO CONSTITUTIONALITY OF COMMISSION OR APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL COMMISSION**

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice. In view of the continued worth and the continued revelations in respect of the Quebec Police Commission probe into organized crime, will the minister inform the House if the government would withdraw its rather superfluous constitutional objections, which I understand are to be made on behalf of the Justice Department tomorrow before the Supreme Court of Canada, regarding this Quebec Police Commission probe?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is no. As I indicated to the House already if the hon. member had listened when this question arose, I have already put before the Solicitor General of Quebec and my colleagues possible amendments to the Criminal Code to ensure that provincial attorneys general are able to carry on the type of inquiries they want to conduct.

**Mr. Lawrence:** Mr. Speaker, in view of my understanding that the state of the investigation by this particular probe are now at a very crucial juncture, both to the staff and counsel, I wonder if the Minister of Justice would tell the House whether he has, on behalf of the government, yet given any assurances formally, informally, public or