For these reasons, along with fiscal restraints, the decision was made to retire the Trackers, which meant that there was no further purpose for CFB Summerside but to close it. 11

On another point, Liberal Leader John Turner indicated that nine of fourteen base reductions were occurring in ridings held by the Liberal Party. He asked: "Are we supposed to believe that this is a coincidence...? Are Canada's military needs now being based on partisan considerations with no military rationale at all?" Ms. Collins responded: "...those decisions are made on the basis of the advice from the military on how we can meet our defence objectives most effectively with the greatest degree of cost efficiency...." 12

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