

pregnancy benefits? Would the Minister inform the House with respect to that judgment today if possible?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, with respect to that particular judgment, Mr. Justice Strayer has asked counsel to put forward suggestions to him with respect to the form of judgment. There is, in fact, no judgment as yet as a result of the decision of last June. By the end of this month there will be a formal judgment issued by the court, at which time we will have an opportunity of assessing that with respect to future courses of action.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

AVAILABILITY OF LIST OF PCB WAREHOUSE SITES—MINISTER'S POSITION

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for the Environment. Last week, my party leader asked for a list of PCB storage sites in Quebec and throughout Canada. Environment Canada promised to provide it by the end of last week. Now we have not received this most important list. Why? Does such a list exist? And when will the Government provide this list of PCB storage sites?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, as I indicated when I was in the House last Friday, such a list exists and it will be made public this week.

[English]

REQUEST THAT CONSTITUENCY LISTS BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, will the Minister supply each Member of Parliament, who is naturally very concerned about his or her own area, with a list of PCB storage sites there in order to enable Members to take further action? Can each Member of Parliament receive a list of storage sites of PCBs in their constituencies?

Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I am not aware which method the Department of the Environment was to use to make the list public. I will bring that to their attention and insist that a copy of the list be sent to each Member of Parliament.

Oral Questions

ABORTION

POSITION OF PRIME MINISTER—INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister and concerns the Prime Minister's new position, his about-face on the abortion issue.

Last month the Government appeared before the Supreme Court and argued that the Supreme Court should postpone the Borowski case until this Parliament had an opportunity to pass legislation. Yesterday the Prime Minister said that this Parliament is postponing legislation until the Supreme Court deals with the Borowski case.

Can the Deputy Prime Minister explain this contradiction? Can he explain why the Prime Minister lacks the conviction and courage to introduce legislation in this House?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure whether the Hon. Member has a valid question and whether he speaks on behalf of his Party. I find it passing strange that the Hon. Member would be critical of anyone with respect to positions on abortion when his own Leader said that his own position is irrelevant. He refused, on a number of occasions, to indicate what his point of view was on that issue.

This is not a partisan issue. The fact is that the Borowski case is being heard on October 3. The Prime Minister has stated the obvious. There is the Morgantaler case and the imperatives with respect to it.

As far as the Charter of Rights considerations are concerned, the Prime Minister is simply saying that if there is an election this fall he does not think there would be an opportunity to have Parliament deal with it before the election. That is all he said.

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, that's not what he said. He said he was going to wait until the Borowski case before the Government introduces legislation.

GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister is abdicating his responsibility to provide leadership on the issue. For the last seven months the Government has promised legislation on the abortion issue. The Minister said last March that the Cabinet was considering legislation as an urgent priority.

In documentation filed with the Supreme Court of Canada two weeks ago the Government argued that:

—answering the constitutional questions in the abstract, without passing upon the validity of any subsisting legislation, would involve a serious risk of encroaching directly upon the legislation function.

That is what the Government is arguing before the Supreme Court. Why is the Government saying one thing before the