

*Oral Questions*

**Hon. Elmer M. MacKay (Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, our Department, in consultation with the Department of Immigration and the RCMP, is currently evaluating a number of such systems. We have recently completed a pilot project at Pearson International Airport. We are evaluating that at the present time.

At present our officers are issued special advisories; and also they have access to the on-line automatic procedures that are available to the Department of Immigration. So, these types of facilities are available and we will be improving them.

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**BANKS AND BANKING**

## ESTEY COMMISSION COSTS

**Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. According to the Government's own figures, the administrative costs of the Estey Commission, \$1,172,000 up to the end of March, pale in comparison to the Government's expenditures on legal and financial advice, including \$1,588,000 to prepare the Minister of Finance and the Minister of State for Finance for testimony, one day each, before the commission. Will the Minister tell the House when he expects to receive the Commission's report?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I should comment to the Hon. Member that there is much work that was done by the lawyers for the Government in support of the work done by the Estey Commission in getting the material ready for the Estey Commission, to help the commission do its job. As far as the specific question is concerned, I have not been advised by the commission when it is expecting to report. We do hope that it will be soon, because there is legislation that we want to get on with, as the Hon. Member is well aware.

## LEGAL COSTS

**Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, since the Minister and the Minister of State have repeatedly said that the decision to bail out the Canadian Commercial Bank was based on the best information available, why was it necessary to spend \$1.6 million on coaching for the two Ministers to defend this decision before Mr. Justice Estey?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Well, Mr. Speaker, I think I responded to that question. There is much work that goes on in support of the activities of the members of the commission to provide them with the various pieces of information that they need from the Department in order to help them do their job. That is the basis for the work that has been done.

I caution the Hon. Member again concerning the way she has expressed the so-called bail-out. It was support of the

depositors in the banks, not the banks themselves, that was the result of the expenditure by the Government of Canada.

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**APARTHEID**

## SOUTH AFRICA—JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. As he knows, the special joint committee, in its report, has identified an absence of any significant progress in the termination of apartheid in South Africa and recommends full economic sanctions. Does the Prime Minister not agree that this provides powerful support for imposing the full economic sanctions he promised over six months ago? Does he not think it is about time the Government acted to impose those sanctions, now?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I think that the Government's action was also joined to the serious view that the best kind of action would be to try to induce a common front among all Commonwealth countries—

**An Hon. Member:** Still waiting for Maggie?

**Mr. Mulroney:**—including the United Kingdom, obviously. We received that degree of unanimous support in Nassau. It has been helpful and effective. We would look forward to the same kind of support in August. There have been meetings in Europe, yesterday and today. We have had direct communication with Prime Minister Gandhi, Prime Minister Hawke, President Kaunda and others with regard to building that kind of common front. Nationally, I met yesterday with the leadership of the CLC, Mrs. Carr and others, who have been so helpful on the issue in Canada and abroad. We are trying to put together that kind of coalition that will maintain Commonwealth unity but will also provide effective action against the evil of apartheid.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## REQUEST THAT CANADA IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, I do not recall all of those conditions being placed upon the absolute promise of the Prime Minister to impose full economic sanctions if there was no progress in dismantling apartheid. What the report, which represents the views of Canadian people, asks of the Prime Minister is this. Will the Prime Minister and this Government impose immediate sanctions as a model of the minimum level of sanctions that should be applied by the Commonwealth? Will Canada not exert leadership, the kind of leadership that the report states the Government should present to the rest of the world?