

## INDIAN AFFAIRS

**Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

Micmac Family and Children's Services of Nova Scotia was informed last week by Indian Affairs Atlantic that it had been refused funding under Project Haven for a desperately needed transition House for native women and children.

Could the minister tell us why this desperately needed project has been turned down?

**Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to advise the hon. member that I am not aware of the reasons for rejection.

I am certainly very familiar with Project Haven and the tremendous importance it has for aboriginal communities, women and families in need, and I will certainly look into this matter immediately.

**Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, the problem here is that the minister's own regional office had told Micmac Family and Children's Services that its documents were out of time. However its documents were in time. They were in the multi-year plan and they were declared to be the primary priority of the department.

I understand that the minister is not aware of the situation, but I ask that he undertake today to review this situation as there are no services for native women and their children in Nova Scotia today.

**Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, the normal means of raising such an important issue on the part of a member of Parliament is to send me a note to lay out the circumstances that the hon. member will raise with the House so I might be given the benefit of an opportunity to seek an explanation from my officials.

I have undertaken to do so. I only regret that the hon. member did not call me earlier, before raising the question.

## Oral Questions

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## GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY

**Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister.

Today, ten million Canadians received a very personal message from his government. Indeed, the government, through its propaganda agency, just sent out ten million pamphlets. I looked through that document but I can't find the Prime Minister.

My question to the Prime Minister is: Does he not endorse those proposals? Is he ashamed of them or is he ashamed of himself?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I thought I had seen everything. Last week, I saw his acting leader defend federalism, and now the hon. member is taking my defence, protecting my interests!

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

**Mr. Mulroney:** If my picture appeared on the leaflet, the hon. member would be the first to rise and complain that the Canadian government was engaging in partisan propaganda. Canadians know that when the awards are handed out, the hon. member for Shefford will win first prize in Canada for hypocrisy!

**Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question.

Of course, the Prime Minister's picture is not in that leaflet, which is nevertheless a document of constitutional propaganda, of partisan propaganda and of personal propaganda, not for him but for his successor.

I therefore ask the Prime Minister: How can he justify spending \$15 million to promote his successor for the leadership of the Conservative Party?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, having won first prize for hypocrisy, the hon. member now wins second prize for stupidity!

Mr. Speaker, I certainly don't know who will succeed me at the head of the Conservative Party, but it won't be for a long time yet. Also, whoever succeeds me will be Prime Minister of Canada. But you, my friend, never will be!