

*Oral Questions***CANADA POST CORPORATION**

## POSSIBLE INCREASE IN POSTAL RATES

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. On June 20, 1985, the then Minister responsible for Canada Post announced that before future rate increases are considered by Cabinet, Canada Post must implement new measures to improve productivity. Will Cabinet consider the two-cent increase proposed by Canada Post and, if so, what new measures were implemented to improve productivity for the Canada Post system?

[*Translation*]

**Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Mr. Speaker, as the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion who answers for Canada Post repeatedly stated in the House, the Government has received the Canada Post business plan and will take it under consideration. An announcement will be made in due time.

FORTHCOMING BUSINESS PLAN TO BE PRESENTED BY  
GOVERNMENT—REQUEST FOR DETAILS

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou):** In answer to my question yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the Minister responsible for Canada Post was not sure what would be tabled, so today I should like to ask the Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism) if the business plan to be unveiled by Canada Post within a few days will be a consultation paper or Government policy. Are we going to learn the truth once and for all?

**Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Whenever the announcement is made, Mr. Speaker, it will be Government policy.

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**FINANCE**

## MINING INDUSTRY'S FLOW-THROUGH SHARES PROGRAM

**Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Finance. The junior mining companies, prospectors, and developers, the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, investment houses and drilling companies are very concerned about the future of the flow-through shares system. Will the Minister tell the House whether he is prepared to make sure that this program continues for years to come?

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, I thank my hon. colleague for his question. His interest in the mining industry is well known. We are studying the use of flow-through shares in the broad context of tax reform. I would not want to pre-judge the results of this broad

exercise and the related consultations at this early stage of the process. However, the Minister of Finance will be meeting with the Mining Association of Canada on November 17 to discuss tax reform in general. I am sure this subject will come up.

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**OLYMPICS**

## PUBLIC'S ACCESS TO 1988 WINTER OLYMPICS EVENTS

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. It concerns tickets for the 1988 Olympics. He will know that yesterday we did not get an ironclad statement from the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport ensuring that 75 per cent of all tickets, including those for gold medal events, would go to the general public. Will the Deputy Prime Minister give his commitment on behalf of the Government of Canada that it will take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that tickets for all events, including the medal events, will be available to the general public at a rate of 75-25?

**Hon. David Crombie (Secretary of State of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister is out of the House on business. However, I can advise the Hon. Member that the Minister's position is that 75 per cent of all tickets should be available to the public. He is negotiating that with the Olympics Committee.

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## GOVERNMENT'S TICKET ALLOTMENT

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** My supplementary question is directed to the Acting Minister. Will the Minister confirm that the federal Government has asked for as many as 6,000 tickets to be held in its name? If he can confirm that, would he agree to have the information regarding which groups those tickets will go to tabled in the House?

**Hon. David Crombie (Secretary of State of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, the only thing I can confirm is that the Minister's principle with respect to 75 per cent is firmly held and he is negotiating that. I will bring the other matters to the attention of the Minister when he returns to the House.

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**ENERGY**

## DEREGULATION OF NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. We are rapidly approaching the time when the so-called