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the Aboriginal Trappers Association and 17 per cent to the Indigenous Survival Institute?

**Hon. Pierre H. Cadieux (Solicitor General of Canada):** Again, Mr. Speaker, as I said there was an initiative through three departments over a number of years. I think it was a three-year program or a five-year program. I am sure that my colleague will correct me in due course.

Nevertheless the funds were allocated for a number of years. They have been allocated. The Indian Affairs commitment was to terminate this year. Notwithstanding the fact that nothing is in the Estimates, I understand that my colleague will have some funds available for that particular program. He will announce them in due course.

**Mr. Speaker:** A single question from the hon. member for Winnipeg—St. James.

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**JUSTICE**

**Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg St. James):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. Off the top, I should like to congratulate her on her recent appointment to the cabinet.

There is a young man serving time in the Stony Mountain Penitentiary in Manitoba for murder, a murder which he claims he did not commit. This is a matter that goes back 20 years. He has served time for 20 years.

There is some new evidence suggesting that it was not possible for this young man to commit the murder. This evidence is supported by a forensic scientist at an institution at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

I understand that the Justice Department is investigating this case. When can we expect a report on this matter?

• (1200)

**Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for his good wishes.

The case is under investigation by the Department of Justice, as the hon. member has said. It is not ready for presentation to me, and when it is and I am in a position to make a decision, I will advise the House.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Communications. I wonder if I could get the minister's attention. My question is this. What will the government of Canada do to protest the barbarous execution of Farzad Bazoft, the British journalist who was executed last night by the government of Iraq?

**Mr. Speaker:** This is a serious question and I am sure the government would want to respond. The hon. parliamentary secretary.

**Mr. Patrick Boyer (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I want to respond on behalf of the government and say that the sentiments on this side of the House correspond exactly with those expressed by the hon. member.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has publicly issued a statement regretting this barbarous act. We see it as no hallmark of any country that would purport to comport with other civilized countries of this world.

In the past year, 53 journalists have been killed in the line of duty. This indicates how high the risks are, and in this particular instance the Government of Canada has expressed its outrage over this very tragic development.

**ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS**

[English]

**TRANSPORT****RESPONSE TO FIFTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**Hon. Doug Lewis (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, further to the government's response to the fifth report of the Standing Committee on Transport, I have the honour to table, in both official languages, a proposed strategy concerning substance use in safety-sensitive positions in Canadian transportation.

Mr. Speaker, I think you will find that there is unanimous consent to refer this document to the Standing Committee on Transport for consultation with inter-