

*Oral Questions*

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, responding to the preamble of the Hon. Member, he is quoted in a Canadian Press article that he hesitated when asked if an NDP Government would move to ban the use of non-union labour during a legal strike. He said: "Frankly, I really don't know. It's difficult for me to know what we would do if we were in office".

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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

**Mr. Keeper:** Answer the question.

**Mr. Speaker:** In view of the fact the Chair had to make a ruling at the beginning of Question Period, I would ask the cooperation of all Hon. Members to continue for another five minutes. I say this, realizing that some Members and perhaps some Ministers may have to leave. I would ask for as much cooperation as we can get.

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**TAX REFORM****WHITE PAPER—COMPOSITION OF CONSULTANTS GROUPS**

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, I want to return to the matter of the privileged access of the 31 big-name accountants and lawyers to the White Paper on taxation.

The Minister of Finance said earlier in Question Period that the people on that committee were the best qualified to serve. Will he tell us and the country what is wrong with the qualifications of firms such as Laventhol & Horwath, Peat Marwick and Samson Belair? Why are they less qualified? What is wrong with them?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, Mr. Guy Lord of Samson Belair is a member of this group.

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

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** Mr. Norman Guerin, also of Samson Belair, is a member of this group.

I would like to qualify what I have said, if I might. I do not want to say that these are the only good lawyers and accountants in the country. They are among the best. They are understood to be among the best. There is some rotation among members of the group depending on their specific technical qualifications. That has resulted in some firms not being represented because, maybe, their top person is not particularly qualified for a particular function for which he is required. But these are clearly among the best in the country.

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**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, both the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister said that the consultation involving this group of 31 was just part of the normal process of consultation that goes on all the time with White Papers and other similar documents. I wish to ask the Minister this.

Were there representatives of workers, low-income Canadians, senior citizens, farmers and fishermen sworn and shown the White Paper in the Department of Finance yesterday in exactly the same way as this group of 31 was shown it? If that is not the case, if they were not given exactly the same access yesterday, then is this a form of privileged access on the part of this group of 31?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I have had full consultations with representatives of social groups, labour groups, business umbrella groups, sectoral groups, the provinces, and farm associations. This is probably the widest range of consultations that we have had with respect to any document in the Department of Finance.

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

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** I can assure the Hon. Member that the views of these groups have been very carefully taken into account in the production of this White Paper.

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[Translation]

**CANADIAN SECURITY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE****REQUEST FOR EXPLANATION CONCERNING CONFEDERATION OF NATIONAL TRADE UNIONS COUNSELLOR**

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister.

Two weeks ago, a union advisor with the CNTU in Quebec, Mr. Marc Boivin, was arrested by the Quebec Provincial Police.

Could the Prime Minister confirm to the House that Mr. Boivin was an informer or a secret agent for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service since 1984, and if so, how can the Prime Minister justify this shocking infiltration of a democratic organization in Quebec, the CNTU, considering that this action was criticized yesterday by Mrs. Paule Gauthier, a member of the committee monitoring the CSIS?

[English]

**Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, in response to the Hon. Member, obviously criminal charges have been laid with respect to this matter. I think it would be improper for any comment to take place at this time. I certainly recommend to