

The White Paper also outlined a new planning system based on a five-year planning cycle. Certain of the above acquisition projects will require funding above the 2 per cent guaranteed by the Paper and this funding will be decided by Cabinet as part of an annual review process.<sup>4</sup>

### Parliamentary Comment

Conservative member Bob Hicks asked about further delays in the Canadian Patrol Frigate (CPF) programme. Mr. Beatty responded that "We are informed by the President of Saint John Shipbuilding Limited that they are on track in terms of timing."<sup>5</sup> Liberal members asked the Government for reassurances that when the contract for the second batch of frigates was awarded that it would be given to the St. John shipyards already building the first batch.<sup>6</sup>

Liberal member Len Hopkins raised the question of the all-weather capability of the LLAD system chosen by DND. Mr. Beatty responded: "The critical question is: if something can fly and attack either our bases or our troops can it be shot down? The answer is yes."<sup>7</sup> The issue was raised again the next day. Mr. Beatty responded: "It is an all-weather operational system. It meets every element of the standards set in the request for proposals...."<sup>8</sup>

Responding to the Government's announcement of the contract for the Class 8 icebreaker NDP member Pauline Jewett called upon the Government to do more for Canadian shipbuilding industry. She also stated:

<sup>4</sup> DND, Challenge and Commitment, 5 Jun. 1987.

<sup>5</sup> Commons Debates, 28 Oct. 1986, p. 816. See also Commons Debates, 4 Nov. 1986, p. 1057.

<sup>6</sup> Commons Debates, 5 May 1987, p. 5755; 20 May 1987, p. 6243.

<sup>7</sup> Commons Debates, 27 Jan. 1987, p. 2743.

<sup>8</sup> Commons Debates, 28 Jan. 1987, p. 2780. For a full discussion of the LLAD see: SCND Proceedings, 29 Jan. 1987.