

*Oral Questions*

because of the judgment of the court and because of the further action which Mr. Buchanan may be taking. But as far as I and my officials can control the matter, I can certainly give the assurance that the provisions of the Combines Investigation Act and of the Income Tax Act will be observed by members of the public service of Canada. Because of the nature of the case, I am in the course of preparing a directive to my officials that where there is an investigation which calls for the use of auditors they should be outside auditors and not tax auditors so that there can be no confusion in the mind of the person being audited as to whether it is a tax audit or some other sort of audit, and because Mr. Buchanan may be taking further action, it is the view both of my officials and of myself that I should be advised by outside counsel on the matter, bearing in mind the nature of the case, and I am retaining outside counsel for that purpose.

**Mr. Woolliams:** Could the minister tell us why the documents were used in that particular case? Is he aware of the concern which will be felt by the average Canadian citizen in filing his income tax returns if they are to be used against him in litigation brought on by the Government of Canada, particularly by the Department of Justice? Why were these documents used and what made the Chief Justice so critical in that regard?

**Mr. Basford:** Because of the judgment of the Supreme Court and because of further contemplated action, I am under constraint in giving the hon. member the explanations he would like.

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**AIR TRANSPORT****REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE INFORMATION OBTAINED IN EXAMINATIONS FOR PILOTS' LICENCE NOT AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES**

**Mr. Erik Nielsen (Yukon):** A supplementary to the Minister of Transport based on a recent occurrence. Will he assure the House that medical and other information obtained by his department with respect to examinations conducted of Canadian citizens who apply under the licensing requirements for pilots and others in Canada will not be made available to the United States or to any other foreign country in connection with application by Canadian citizens for licensing in those countries?

**Hon. Otto E. Lang (Minister of Transport):** I would be glad if the hon. member would give me details about the matter so that I could better understand his question.

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**HEALTH****EXPOSURE OF EMPLOYEES OF ELDERADO NUCLEAR TO RADIATION—INQUIRY AS TO TESTS**

**Mr. Allan Lawrence (Northumberland-Durham):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Health and Welfare. It relates to the continuing problem of waste residue emanating from the federal Crown corporation, Eldorado Nuclear, Port Hope. Can the minister tell us whether there has been any collation of personal medi-

cal data or any collection of medical case histories from employees both past and present of Eldorado Nuclear?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** I should like to point out, first of all, that the problems in Port Hope and to which the hon. member referred relates to waste being disposed of by Eldorado around 1955. Investigations are being carried out both by the Ontario health authorities and by Eldorado Mining at the present time. The health protection branch of my department has offered to assist in carrying out analyses and assessing the health implications if required. It appears that medical tests are not expected to detect any adverse health effect on the school children involved in the area. As far as the mine workers are concerned, I will inquire from Eldorado Mining or from the Ontario health authorities and I will be pleased to inform the hon. member of any information I obtain.

**Mr. Lawrence:** Do I understand the minister as saying there is some federal agency doing surveillance work or continuing testing of both adults and children in the area who may have been subjected to radioactivity or radon gas?

**Mr. Lalonde:** There is no federal authority carrying out these medical checks at the present time. Any medical checks carried out are being undertaken by the Ontario health authorities. However, I am advised that the Atomic Energy Control Board is proposing to investigate, with the assistance of my department, areas of Port Hope which may possibly be contaminated as a result of the disposal of waste about 20 years ago. As far as individual medical tests are concerned, I do not know of any being carried on at the present time by federal authorities or by provincial authorities.

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**INDUSTRY****EFFECT OF LOCKHEED ORION CONTRACT ON AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IN MARITIME PROVINCES**

**Mr. J. M. Forrestall (Dartmouth-Halifax East):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question I would like to put to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Could we be brought up to date with regard to a matter I have raised once or twice in the past week or ten days, that is, the fair allocation of industrial benefit arising out of the LRPA program, particularly with respect to the aerospace industry in Dartmouth affecting 400 jobs in Nova Scotia.

**Hon. Donald C. Jamieson (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce):** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am grateful for the opportunity of a private conversation with the hon. member. I have asked my officials to be in touch with the company concerned to determine precisely the basic nature of their interest and concern. I have not as yet received a report. As I understand the hon. member, he is interested in getting some activity into the plant now in the construction phase so that they will be geared to do something on the repair and overhaul. I have conveyed that representation to my officials and when I have an answer I will pass it on.