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CANADA COUNCIL

ADEQUACY OF DOCUMENTATION FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS—APPLICABILITY OF DIRECTIVES REGARDING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GRANTS

Mr. Bob Wenman (Fraser Valley West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the President of the Treasury Board. Do all Canada Council contributions have adequate financial documentation?

Hon. Robert K. Andras (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, I will look at each document and give the hon. member a detailed answer. Generally speaking, I presume the arrangements are acceptable, but there have been some queries, and I believe the Auditor General has looked at that.

Mr. Wenman: Do recent Treasury Board directives regarding government grant and contribution accountability apply to the Canada Council and, if not, why not?

Mr. Andras: I will be glad to go into that in detail with the hon. member when I appear before the committee.

Mr. Clark: Why not now?

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

USE OF CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL RECORDS—CO-OPERATION WITH ONTARIO INQUIRY

Mr. Bill Jarvis (Perth-Wilmot): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Solicitor General. It relates to the Ontario government's inquiry into the availability and use of confidential medical reports obtained from the Ontario Health Insurance Program. Is it the policy of the Solicitor General and the government to co-operate fully in assisting this Ontario inquiry?

Hon. Francis Fox (Solicitor General): Mr. Speaker, it is always our policy to co-operate fully with any provincial commissions of inquiry when they are referring to matters within their jurisdiction.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Jarvis: I welcome this good news about a change of policy. What seems to be at issue in the Ontario inquiry are the procedures used by security units representing various levels of government to obtain this confidential medical information. I therefore ask the Solicitor General if he intends to be forthcoming and open in providing the Ontario inquiry with the procedures and methods used by any security unit under his direction or control.

Mr. Fox: Mr. Speaker, there is only one security service under the aegis of the RCMP, and the hon. member knows full well which one it is. I can only relate that it is our intention as usual to co-operate fully with the legitimate demands of any

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provincial commission of inquiry, as we have done in the past and will continue to do in the future.

Mr. Clark: Until you can get them thrown out of court.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

PROPOSED PROMOTION OF PROGRAM OF EMPLOYMENT RATHER THAN INSURANCE BENEFITS

Mr. Leonard C. Jones (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Some years ago at a time of high unemployment a program was initiated in Moncton entitled "Do it Now". Subsequently there was a national program to encourage local citizens as well as business and all levels of government, to undertake necessary projects at home, in the office, in plants and in government, positively supporting the need for employment in areas such as the Moncton constituency and others in the Atlantic provinces. Would the minister now consider putting an immediate halt to the Unemployment Insurance Commission's promotion of UIC benefits and start promoting a program of employment to encourage citizens, corporations, governments, Crown agencies, Crown corporations to endorse work and employment projects by "doing it now" while men and materials are available?

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Hon. Bud Cullen (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, first of all with respect to the preamble, I would indicate that the advertisements being placed now are for the information of those who might qualify or who are presently qualifying and is the kind of factual information that I think they need. I agree with the hon. member that the particular program he mentions seemed to catch attention at that time and was quite imaginative. I am prepared to look at it. The insulation program and others indicate that the government is in fact "doing it now" and not waiting for spring.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REFUSAL OF REPUBLIC OF CHINA TO EXTEND VISA OF JOURNALIST ROSS MUNRO—GOVERNMENT ACTION

Mr. Donald W. Munro (Esquimalt-Saanich): Mr. Speaker, may I put a question to the Secretary of State for External Affairs concerning the decision of the People's Republic of China to refuse readmission to China of the *Globe and Mail* correspondent Mr. Ross Munro upon completion of his current assignment—the similarity in the name is purely coincidental. In light of the fact that no substantive reasons have been given so far for this action by the Chinese authorities, and as it is my understanding that the Canadian authorities are generous and understanding with respect to the movement of Chinese correspondents in this country, will any action be taken by this