

The Department of Justice was not involved in the Allan Légère trial since it involved the provincial responsibilities on administration of justice. All questions concerning the costs of the trial would have to be directed to the provincial authorities in New Brunswick.

#### Royal Canadian Mounted Police

(a) (i) It is difficult to calculate the total cost of the manhunt. The RCMP was investigating a number of murders and other serious crimes in the Miramichi, and other areas, in which Allan Légère was one suspect. Certain costs, such as costs for overtime and travel, were collected which were directly attributable to the escape and the recapture of Allan Légère. These costs totalled \$110,000. Not included in this figure are costs associated with unsolved crimes, sightings of Allan Légère and subsequent investigations and the salary costs of investigators.

(ii) The trial costs have been identified as being approximately \$314,000. This represents the cost of six (6) Provincial Police Positions for courtroom security and escort duties, and the costs associated with the DNA analysis. No other trial costs were captured.

(b) Both the costs of the manhunt and the trial, as identified above, will be divided between the federal and provincial governments, with 30 per cent of the costs charged to the former and 70 per cent to the latter. The costs of the DNA analysis will be charged 100 per cent to the federal government.

(c) The cost of the RCMP DNA testing was \$63,000. This includes the human resource expense as well as travel.

[English]

**Mr. Speaker:** The question as enumerated by the parliamentary secretary has been answered.

**Mr. Cooper:** I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the remaining questions stand?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

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#### MOTIONS FOR PAPERS

**Mr. Albert Cooper (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House**

#### *The Budget*

**of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, I would ask you to be so kind as to call Notice of Motion for the Production of Papers P-1, in the name of the hon. member for Winnipeg North Centre.

That an Order of the House do issue for copies of all correspondence, briefs and reports relating to the visit of government officials in January 1991 to Europe to discuss Canada's treatment of native peoples.

**Mr. Cooper:** This notice of motion is acceptable to the government and the documents are tabled immediately.

Motion agreed to.

**Mr. Cooper:** I ask that the other Notices of Motions for the Production of Papers be allowed to stand.

**Mr. Speaker:** Is it agreed?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

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## GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

### THE BUDGET

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed from Tuesday, February 25, consideration of the motion of Mr. Mazankowski that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the government.

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, the budget presented last night is a budget of illusion. It substitutes smoke and mirrors and the appearance of activity for the action that is needed to help the Canadian economy and millions of Canadians battered and bruised by the policies of this government to get up off the ground and back on their feet.

For example, in this budget the minister holds out the promise of a tax cut to Canadians reeling under the effects of the 33 separate tax increases imposed on them by this government since it took office in 1984, including the impact of the GST.

When the smoke clears away, when the government stops moving the shells around and Canadians look underneath, what do they see? For Canadians earning below the poverty line a salary of \$15,000 a year for themselves and their families including two children,