

*Oral Questions*

our historic grain sale volumes to Algeria. In 1984-85 the Canadian sale of Durum to Algeria was 473,000 metric tons. This year, 1985-86, to date we have sold 430,000 metric tons to Algeria. The answer is clear.

## PRICE PAID FOR CANADIAN WHEAT

**Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt—Lake Centre):** Mr. Speaker, can the Minister tell us what sort of concessions we had to make in price in order to meet the export subsidy of up to \$54-American per ton?

**Hon. John Wise (Minister of Agriculture):** Mr. Speaker, it has been some time since I had the opportunity to report on behalf of the Canadian Wheat Board but I think I am recalling accurately that it is not the policy of the board to disclose price.

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[Translation]

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## USE OF FRENCH LANGUAGE ACCENTS ON PASSPORT DATA

**Mr. W. Paul McCrossan (York-Scarborough):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. According to an item which appeared in the *Toronto Express* this week, a departmental official has decided to eliminate all French accents from the names of French-speaking people in the new Canadian passports. My question is this: Is Canada truly a bilingual country or not?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, Canada is truly a bilingual country. I am not yet a member of the French Academy, but I do not think that it is the practice to use accents for capital letters, which are those used in passports. However, I shall consider the representation made by the Hon. Member seriously and examine the whole matter.

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[English]

## REFUGEES

## PORTUGUESE CLAIMANTS FOR REFUGEE STATUS

**Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Will the Minister confirm that the number of people awaiting refugee determination is now some 21,000, 1,500 of whom are Portuguese nationals?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot confirm those numbers exactly. I will be glad to get the information from the Minister

of State for Immigration and see that it is passed on to the Hon. Member.

## SPEED OF APPLICATION PROCESSING

**Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, if the figures are not exact, they are approximate. In view of that proportion, would the Minister agree that the first priority now has to be shortening the refugee process and that any special measures for Portuguese visa are really a long way down the line?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I totally agree with the Hon. Member that in the review of and revisions to the refugee determination policy, speed of processing must be one of the key criteria. We are looking at a refugee determination policy that will be more effective and more efficient but will retain its fairness and its humanitarian concepts.

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## LOBBYING

## DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYISTS' ACTIVITIES

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the—

**Mr. Crosbie:** Behave yourself today, John.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** Always do, brother.

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

**Mr. Rodriguez:** My question is directed to the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. Is it the intention of the Government that full disclosure with regard to lobbying should be made public and, if so, will he instruct his friend, Mr. Frank Moores, to disclose the information which we have been attempting to obtain from his corporation in committee?

**Hon. Michel Côté (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Canada Post):** Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member knows, we tabled a document back in December and we created a committee to have hearings on this matter. It is for the Chairman of the committee to call on the Members or any individual who would like to appear.

## GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, we are unable to get information from the witnesses, the friends of the Conservative Party, in committee. Is the Minister going to allow firms such as the Moores company, the Bill Neville company, and other Tory companies that are in the business of arm twisting, to continue pulling down a veil of secrecy around their operations when they approach the Government and Members of Parliament?