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QUESTION PERIOD: MISSING GOLD AT THE CANADIAN MINT

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Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister does not hold himself to the same standards that he expects of everyone else.

The list of government mismanagement just keeps growing. Today we learned that gold and other precious metals are unaccounted for at the Canadian Mint, and yet the police have not been called in to investigate.

Canada's reputation for confidence is taking a beating at home and abroad.

Is the Minister of Transport prepared to tell Canadian taxpayers how much gold and silver is missing? What is the value? Will he conduct an investigation? Will he make the findings of an external audit immediately available to the public?

Supplementary Question

It is clear, Mr. Speaker, that nobody on that side is in charge and prepared to assume responsibility for what is going on.

We have had continuous faulty accounting of the nation's finances, security lapses, and now lost gold and silver. We do not know if the affair at the mint involves faulty accounting or a gold heist.

While the Minister of Finance is living in a world of fantasy numbers, could the Minister of Transport tell the Canadian public when this pot of gold is going to be found?