

THE HONOURABLE JOE VOLPE, P.C., M.P.
QUESTION PERIOD
AIR TRANSPORTATION SECURITY AT MONTREAL TRUDEAU AIRPORT
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[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, Montreal's Trudeau Airport is fraught with crime and corruption and no one at Transport Canada is taking responsibility.

CATSA, which manages the security system, contracted it out to a private company. There is no check done on individuals or the procedure to be followed and there is no surveillance. The minister remains unfazed. Yesterday, his colleague, the head of the RCMP, had to authorize a raid by 60 officers.

Has the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities lost the confidence of his colleague, in addition to the public's confidence, in matters of security?

Supplemental Question

Mr. Speaker, the facts speak differently.

Yesterday 60 police agents raided Montreal-Trudeau Airport for the second time in 20 months. That follows beaches in security exposed by a journalist and two parliamentary committees, which summoned witnesses and presented reports. Yet corruption and criminality at the airport continue to erode public confidence in its safety and security.

Surely the Minister of Transport is aware that he is accountable for all security failures. Since nothing he has proposed has worked so far, is he prepared today, with a plan of action, to clean up the mess of lawlessness building up at the airport under his watch?