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**Speaker: The Honourable Andrew Scheer**

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## ORAL QUESTIONS

### Justice

**Mr. David Wilks (Kootenay—Columbia, CPC):**

Mr. Speaker, Canadians are concerned about crime and keeping our streets and communities safe.

*[Translation]*

In the last election campaign, we promised Canadians that we would introduce harsher sentences for violent criminals in the first 100 days of this Parliament.

*[English]*

The safe streets and communities act will ensure jail time for sexual predators and drug dealers who target our children.

The opposition parties recently moved to adjourn Parliament rather than debate the legislation. Could the parliamentary secretary update the House as to the status of the safe streets and communities act?

**Ms. Kerry-Lynne D. Findlay (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Justice, CPC):**

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank the member for his work on the justice committee.

First, it is ironic that the NDP members wanted to leave work early. They should know that those who do not show up for work, should not get a promotion. They should just ask the little Liberal Party.

Despite the silly games of the opposition, I can report that the final vote for the safe streets and communities act will take place next Monday. That means the opposition parties will have one more opportunity to get on board with victims advocates, law enforcement, provincial attorneys general and premiers who strongly support this legislation.

I would also note that recent polls show—