

OFFICIAL REPORT (HANSARD)

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Housing

Ms. Ruby Dhalla (Brampton—Springdale, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, the last time that provincial and territorial housing ministers got together in this country, the federal minister decided not to show up. Tomorrow they will try again to meet and to discuss the future of the federal affordable housing program set to expire in March 2009.

Will the minister leave the provinces and the municipalities to fend for themselves or will he finally show some leadership and take some action to ensure long term funding to end the crisis of affordable housing and homelessness in our country?

Hon. Monte Solberg (Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, CPC):

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my friend for the question and welcome her back from wherever.

This government is spending more money on housing for vulnerable Canadians than any government in history. The last thing we want to do is go back to the Liberal way and actually reduce the amount of money that is going to provinces and individuals. We will not do that.

This government is standing up for vulnerable Canadians from coast to coast and we will continue to do that in the future.

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