

**OFFICIAL REPORT (HANSARD)**

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**Child Care**

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

Mr. Speaker, when it comes to child care, the Prime Minister never got the job done. Out of the 125,000 spaces that he promised Canadian families, he has not delivered one. He is zero for 125,000.

We all know that the Prime Minister has plagiarized the Liberal climate change initiatives. The Conservatives have plagiarized Liberal homelessness initiatives. When will the Prime Minister get to work and start delivering child care spaces that Canadian families and parents so desperately need?

**Mrs. Lynne Yelich (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, CPC):**

One thing, Mr. Speaker, that we will not plagiarize is their universal child care because our universal child care is exactly that. It is universal. It has provided dollars for each and every child under the age of six.

It should not be forgotten that the Liberals promised a national day care system. The kids who would benefit had kids of their own before the Liberals ever even got around to it.

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

Mr. Speaker, the member needs to check her facts because what the Conservatives have put forward is certainly not a universal day care plan. They cannot continue to check off child care as an accomplishment because the bottom line is that they never got the job done. They, rather, abandoned Canadian families with their taxable \$25-a-week allowance.

They continue to ignore the advice of child care advocacy associations and provinces. Capital funding will not create new spaces.

On behalf of all Canadian parents and families, when will the government get to work and start creating child care spaces?

(1145)

**Mrs. Lynne Yelich (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, CPC):**

Mr. Speaker, the member knows quite well that we are working on that and it will be delivered in the spring.

