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Child Care

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

Mr. Speaker, today is National Child Day and the children of Canada are not--

Some hon. members: Oh, oh!

The Speaker:

Order, order. The hon. member for Brampton--Springdale now has the floor.

Ms. Ruby Dhalla:

Mr. Speaker, it is National Child Day and the children of Canada are not celebrating.

They look at the Conservative government and all they see are broken promises. They see a government that has turned its back on progress and the future. They see a government that tore up the Liberal early learning and child care agreement which would have provided quality, accessible and affordable child care. They see a government that has broken its promise to create 125,000 child care spaces.

When will the government show some leadership, take action and reach out to Canada's children?

Hon. Monte Solberg (Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, CPC): Mr. Speaker, I have to point out that by working cooperatively with the provinces, we are now on our way to creating 32,000 new child care spaces, but one thing we will not do.

The leader of the Liberal Party has said he would tear up the universal child care benefit, which really speaks volumes about his lack of faith in the ability of parents to raise their own children. I think he should explain why he thinks so little of parents, and by the way, the member really should apologize to the Minister of Justice for what she said.