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Speaker: The Honourable Geoff Regan

Natural Resources

Ms. Dianne L. Watts (South Surrey—White Rock, CPC):

Mr. Speaker, Petronas, the company supporting LNG in British Columbia, has invested over \$12 billion going through and receiving environmental approval, both nationally and provincially. This \$36-billion project would create thousands of jobs. However, the Liberals have added more red tape, additional barriers, and significant costs.

Will the Liberals commit today to supporting the B.C. LNG industry and Canadian job creation, yes or no?

Hon. Catherine McKenna (Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency is reviewing a number of major LNG projects, including Pacific NorthWest.

Yesterday, Pacific NorthWest submitted substantial new information. This information will be assessed by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. We will be evaluating new information submitted by the proponent in an efficient way that meets our obligations to Canadians, as we do for every major project.