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

Mr. Speaker, the Liberals have blocked the expansion of the Toronto island airport, the creation of jobs in the aerospace industry, opposed energy east, added more red tape to the B.C. LNG industry, and is increasing taxes in the technology sector and on small business, but we have two pandas named Hope and Joy.

Is it the Liberals' intention to shut the entire country down?

Hon. Navdeep Bains (Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, we ran on a campaign of hope and hard work. That is what Canadians supported.

If we take the logic of the member opposite, they would be making massive cuts of billions of dollars. They promote austerity. We promote growth and job creation. We have a plan that is going to invest billions of dollars in infrastructure; we have a plan that is going to reduce the tax burden on middle-class Canadians; we have a plan that is going to advance the innovation agenda. We are going to grow the economy and create jobs.