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Speaker: The Honourable Geoff Regan

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**Infrastructure**

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

Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the parliamentary budget officer reinforced that the Liberals have failed to be transparent to get infrastructure built across Canada and that smaller communities are being shut out. The Liberals are now funnelling \$15 billion away from community infrastructure to fund their new bank, a bank that will have no transparency.

Will the Liberals stop this wrong-headed plan and return the \$15 billion to communities that need it the most?

**Hon. Amarjeet Sohi (Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Lib.):**

Mr. Speaker, we are proud of doubling our infrastructure investments. Out of the \$180 billion we will invest, only 8% will be flowing through the bank and we will leverage that money to engage the private sector to build more infrastructure to be able to meet this need, in order to close the gap that the previous government left through its inaction for the last decade.