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Infrastructure

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

Mr. Speaker, since 2009, PPP Canada, a crown corporation, has leveraged over \$6 billion for infrastructure from an initial investment of \$1.3 billion. An internal report advised that putting the infrastructure bank under an existing body such as PPP Canada would be cost-effective, efficient, and less bureaucratic.

Had the Liberals listened, a \$35-billion investment to PPP Canada could leverage nearly \$170 billion for transformational infrastructure. Can the minister tell Canadians why he ignored that expert advice?

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

Mr. Speaker, let me quote the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships on the bank: “The Council is optimistic that the bank will play a significant role in attracting more private capital while growing the pipeline of P3 projects across Canada.”

Our goal is to build more infrastructure that Canadian communities need. We will do that in co-operation with our municipalities and provinces, as well as the private sector, to make sure they have the right type of infrastructure that they deserve.