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**Infrastructure**

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

Mr. Speaker, the Liberals have failed to create a single full-time job since they took office. This should not be a surprise because less than 1% of the announced infrastructure projects have started construction over this past year.

Now we learn that, instead of building infrastructure, the Liberals have been busy setting up a bank, which is going to cost taxpayers \$15 billion.

When will the Liberals come up with a plan that actually creates jobs instead of pushing Canadians further into debt?

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

Mr. Speaker, we are delivering on our commitment to invest more than \$180 billion in infrastructure to create long-term growth and jobs for the middle class, and to create a low-carbon economy, a green economy, and to improve our social inclusion.

Within the last four months, our government has approved more funding for municipalities than that government did in the past five years combined.

Now 60% of those investments are being—

The hon. member for South Surrey—White Rock.

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

Mr. Speaker, clearly, the minister is confused about how many infrastructure projects are actually under construction. This is not a surprise, especially when the minister told the Senate finance committee that he was confused by all the buckets of infrastructure money the Liberals had at their disposal.

The truth is that less than 1% of the announced infrastructure projects are actually under construction.

Why are the Liberals refusing to acknowledge that their plan is not working and they are not getting Canadians back their jobs?

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

Mr. Speaker, I hope the member opposite will appreciate that the investments we made in budget 2016 are advancing the LRT project in her own city. It is being done right now. We are helping her city do its design work, do its planning work, so that city can be ready to take on the opportunities when we announce other long-term funding to build public transit in every city from coast to coast to coast.

We approved \$11 billion in infrastructure since taking office—