

## **North suffers while Harper government continues to delay action on climate change**

OTTAWA - SEPTEMBER 29, 2006 - "The Harper government continues to say their plan to deal with climate change is coming, but Northerners need action now," said Dennis Bevington, MP Western Arctic.

"Once again I questioned the government about when it will get on with fighting climate change," said Bevington. "I told the government how climate change is harming the caribou and that this is like closing the grocery stores for many Northerners and ending a way of life that has lasted for thousands of years."

Bevington's questions were answered by Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment Mark Warawa as Rona Ambrose the Environment Minister was once again missing-in-action. The answer from junior cabinet minister Warawa was that a plan was coming.

"It seems the Harper Conservatives are more interested in protecting the nearly one and a half billion dollars in taxpayer's money flowing to big oil companies than taking action on climate change," said Bevington. "Northerners know that it is time to take action on climate change and the recent report by the Environment Commissioner draws the same conclusion."

"In June the New Democratic Party presented its five point Agenda for a Green Canada, which will allow Canada to surpass its Kyoto greenhouse pollution reduction targets, create jobs and stimulate investment in green energy and technology." said Bevington.

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