

**House of Commons – Ottawa  
Question Period**

**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Mr. Dennis Bevington (Western Arctic, NDP):**

Mr. Speaker, the Northwest Territories biomass energy strategy has been an unqualified success. In the Northwest Territories, buildings owned by the territorial government and many large commercial buildings have been converted from heating with fuel oil to this source of renewable energy made from waste forest product.

The federal government owns many facilities across Canada's north. My question is for the Minister of Natural Resources. Has the government considered a program that would convert these buildings to renewable energy?

**Hon. Joe Oliver (Minister of Natural Resources, CPC):**

Mr. Speaker, this government has invested over \$10 billion in energy alternatives, energy efficiency and reducing the carbon footprint of conventional sources of energy.

We will continue to move forward and honour our commitments under Copenhagen.