

Member of Parliament, Dennis Bevington asks the federal government if they will help with the high cost of this year's forest fire season in the Northwest Territories.

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Mr. Speaker, the Northwest Territories has experienced the worst forest fire season in memory, destroying 3.5 million hectares of boreal forest. In comparison, the average area of burn per year in all of Canada over the last 10 years was 2 million hectares.

Northerners know that this disaster is directly related to climate change. Will the Conservatives finally admit the reality of climate change and take action? Will the government be helping the people of the Northwest Territories deal with the overwhelming costs of this year's forest fire season?

Mr. Colin Carrie (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment)

Mr. Speaker, our government's record is clear. We have taken decisive action on the environment while protecting our economy.

Everyone internationally has to do their fair share, and Canada is doing its part. We emit only 2% of global greenhouse gas emissions.

Building on that record, the **Minister of the Environment** announced a number of actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and pollution from vehicles a couple of weeks ago.

We have announced our intent to regulate HFCs, one of the fastest growing greenhouse gases in the world. We are accomplishing this without a job-killing carbon tax, which would raise the price of everything.