

Question Northern Issues

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Mr. Dennis Bevington MP Northwest Territories:

Mr. Chair, I would like to address my questions to the minister. I will start with northern issues.

The minister, in his dialogue with first nations in Yukon, indicated that the government does not consider first nations governments. Is the minister holding to that position?

Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, CPC):

Mr. Chair, that is completely ridiculous.

First of all, the member was not present at that meeting.

Had he been there, he would have seen this minister take the umbrella agreement and point to the definition of government in the agreement.

That is simply what I indicated.

The umbrella agreement, if the member does not know, indicates that government means either the Government of Canada or the Government of Yukon.