

**Member of Parliament Dennis Bevington's question on Arctic policy failures on January 30, 2015.**

Mr. Speaker, nutrition north is working so well that average Canadians now are sending food parcels to needy northern families. However, nutrition north is just one of the ways the government's narrow-minded policies have failed northerners. The government's so-called streamlining of environmental protections has led to lawsuits with first nations, which have increased uncertainty for development. Internationally, the government has chosen confrontation over co-operation in the Arctic.

When will the government realize that its northern policy is harming us in the north rather than helping?

**Mark Strahl (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development):**

Mr. Speaker, no government has done more for the north than this Conservative government. We have invested, whether it is in the Canadian High Arctic Research Station in Cambridge Bay, which that party voted against; whether it is taking down the long gun registry, which was an offence to northern Canadians and aboriginals living in the north—we have dismantled it and they will bring it back; or whether it is standing up against an NDP carbon tax, which would increase the cost of everything in the north.

We will reject that and continue to deliver for northerners, as we have done since taking office in 2006.