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Hon. Claudette Tardif (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): I have a supplementary question. There is overwhelming evidence that First Nations students attending band schools are not funded at the same level. Even the Standing Senate Committee on Aboriginal Peoples, which released its report last year on First Nations education, was very clear on the fact that First Nations

students received lesser funds when they attended band schools. Not much has changed in the last year.

How can this situation continue in the face of the overwhelming evidence that exists?

Hon. Marjory LeBreton (Leader of the Government): Obviously, the government acknowledges that there is a great deal of work to be done. That is why the government and the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs are continuing with intensive work with Aboriginal leaders to further improve the situation.
