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Hon. Claudette Tardif (Deputy Leader of the Opposition): Honourable senators, public servants' right to work in the official language of their choice is at the heart of Part V of the Official Languages Act. We know that as a result of budget cuts, the departments are having fewer internal documents translated

and, in some cases, they are asking employees to write in English instead of using the translation service.

How are public servants supposed to claim their rights under these circumstances, when the ministers who are supposed to be setting an example are circumventing the law?

[*English*]

Senator LeBreton: I just said that that is not the case. I would hope that all departments, all ministers and all people who are involved with the government would completely adhere to and comply with Canada's Official Languages Act.
