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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. M. Johnson (Carleton-Victoria, Leader of the Official Opposition, PC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. The government continues to talk about economic growth, attracting private investment, and creating new opportunities for New Brunswickers. However, for rural communities, like those in Carleton-Victoria that rely on forestry, manufacturing, agriculture, and small businesses, the question isn't whether the government wants investment. It's this: What is the government actually doing to attract it? Our communities have tremendous potential in agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, and small businesses, and they need the right conditions for businesses to invest, expand, and create well-paying jobs. So, I ask the minister this: What is your government doing to attract new private-sector investment in rural New Brunswick? What measurable results have those efforts produced to date? What targets have you established to ensure communities outside our major urban centres benefit from that investment?

Hon. Mr. Randall (Fredericton North, Minister responsible for Opportunities NB; Minister responsible for Economic Development and Small Business; Minister responsible for NB Liquor and Cannabis NB, Minister responsible for the *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act,* L): Minister responsible for the *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act,* L): Thank you, Madam Speaker, and thank you for the question. The very first thing that I'd like to talk about is the small business investor tax credit. This is an opportunity for neighbours to invest in neighbours. We also, of course, supplement those programs with ONB. In the Higgs-Allain years, those at ONB weren't able to do their jobs.

We have a new Cornu facility opening in Edmundston, actually, which is a great example of our being able to attract companies that wouldn't otherwise have opportunities. I think of the Americold facility that opened in Saint John. The announcement was just months after we were elected. That facility would never have opened under the Higgs-Allain government, and it supports rural infrastructure.

The opposition is talking about negative numbers a lot. I want to talk about some positive ones. Exports in this province are up by almost 36%. Wholesale trade is up by 11.7%. Manufacturing sales in this province are up by 41.3% year over year, Madam Speaker.

Ms. M. Johnson (Carleton-Victoria, Leader of the Official Opposition, PC): Well, Madam Speaker, the government's 2026-27 budget allocates $21 million to the competitiveness and growth program to support major export-oriented companies, alongside other grants, incentives, and business-assistance programs. However, when public money is provided to private companies, taxpayers deserve to know what they're going to get in return. How many permanent jobs are being created, how much new private investment is being generated, and what safeguards protect taxpayers when companies fail to deliver on commitments? Minister, will you provide a public accounting of the jobs

created, the private investment secured, and the measurable economic benefits delivered by these programs? Can you explain what consequences companies will face when they do not meet the commitments attached to public funding?

Hon. Mr. Randall (Fredericton North, Minister responsible for Opportunities NB; Minister responsible for Economic Development and Small Business; Minister responsible for NB Liquor and Cannabis NB, Minister responsible for the *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act,* L): Minister responsible for the *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act,* L): I thank the member opposite for the question. We are very transparent in the work we do at Opportunities New Brunswick. I want to talk a little bit about what this job looked like for me when I walked into it after six years of the Higgs-Allain government. One of the very first things that landed on my desk was a challenge related to actually getting our budget out the door. ONB wasn't allowed to do its job. We've opened up opportunities for companies to access supports, to deliver real value to rural communities, as the member opposite is requesting, to enable private-sector growth, and to build accountability measures into programs and supports for businesses that deliver real results. Last year, the investments from Opportunities New Brunswick delivered nearly $700 million in GDP growth. This is the kind of work that wasn't accomplished under the last government, and we are doing it.

Ms. M. Johnson (Carleton-Victoria, Leader of the Official Opposition, PC): Well, Madam Speaker, this government has set a goal of growing New Brunswick's economy by 10% by 2030, with private-sector investments playing an important role in achieving that target. However, setting a target is one thing, and creating the economic conditions necessary to achieve it is another. With the cost of doing business continuing to rise, investment requires more than ambition. It requires access to capital, financial competence, and a competitive business environment. Can the minister tell this House whether private-sector investment is currently on track to support the government's 2030 economic growth target? What progress has been made? What evidence does the government have that New Brunswick businesses are in a position to make the investments needed to get us there?

Hon. Mr. Randall (Fredericton North, Minister responsible for Opportunities NB; Minister responsible for Economic Development and Small Business; Minister responsible for NB Liquor and Cannabis NB, Minister responsible for the *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act,* L): Minister responsible for the *Regulatory Accountability and Reporting Act,* L): I want to thank the member opposite for that question. I just heard someone ask whether we wrote these questions for the opposition, because they really do give us the chance to talk about the work we're doing. We're currently sitting at 2% year-over-year GDP growth. If the members in this House or New Brunswickers want to check out those economic indicators, they're actually quite exciting. I named a few of them. We do have a dashboard. You can just google "GNB financial dashboard", and you'll get all the numbers that show that we are, in fact, on track to *Building a Competitive and Resilient New Brunswick,* which is the Economic Development Strategy we launched earlier this year.

Another thing we launched earlier this year was the changes to the small business investor tax credit to allow more private-sector investment to help rural businesses as well as urban businesses flourish in this province. That was a measure that the opposition voted against, Madam Speaker. We are doing a lot of strong work to enable that private-sector investment. We are on track, and we look forward to growing this economy. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Mr. Monahan (Arcadia-Butternut Valley-Maple Hills, PC): Last Friday, I found it interesting when the discussion turned to the Premier and her directive for hospital emergency rooms to get creative with staffing. I agree that the Premier likely knows nothing about staffing emergency rooms, but I believe that everyone in this House will agree that the Premier knows a thing or two about getting creative.

For instance, consider how she's created the worst financial record in the history of N.B. and hung it on the Finance Minister. If the Premier were creating a comic book character, the name would be Deficit Man. Deficit Man's superpower would be going out in public to take a beating about deficits.

However, here's the thing: In the Premier's appointment calendar, from January 2025 to May 2026, we see just one scheduled one-on-one meeting between the Premier and the Finance Minister. Can the Finance Minister explain this?

Hon. Mr. Legacy (Bathurst, Deputy Premier; Minister of Finance and Treasury Board; Minister of Energy; Minister responsible for the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act,* L): Madam Speaker, the member opposite would have us believe that the previous government was a good steward of the budget and that we're reckless in our spending. He wasn't there, so let me shed a little bit of light on how it was back then. Here's an example. Does everybody remember when Dorothy Shephard announced $100 million for NB Housing? It was the answer to every—every—question we had about the housing crisis, but, in the first year, she spent $2 million out of the $100 million, and $98 million stayed in the general account. That's $98 million that wasn't spent. Compare that to the current housing minister, who has brought in meaningful legislation, has his boots on the ground, and is opening apartments every single day in record numbers. That's the difference between the two governments you've seen.

Now, I imagine the member opposite has a follow-up question. I'll have some more examples of how it was back then.

Mr. Monahan (Arcadia-Butternut Valley-Maple Hills, PC): Well, we see again that it's not answer period, so we'll keep asking questions, and, hopefully, we'll get answers from Deficit Man. It seems like the Finance Minister is not welcome in the Premier's office. It's as though he's trying to break through an invisible wall of positivity or something. It might interest my colleagues to learn another detail about the Premier's calendar, which we obtained

through an RTI request. Other than a single one-on-one lunch meeting in March 2025, only one other discussion with the Finance Minister is mentioned. One 15-minute call was scheduled in October 2025. Maybe that's all it takes to give someone their marching orders in the Holt Liberal government. However, when a government has overspent by $3 billion in two years and the Premier and Finance Minister are not in regular meetings, we may have identified a huge problem. Is the Finance Minister not welcome in the Premier's office?

Hon. Mr. Legacy (Bathurst, Deputy Premier; Minister of Finance and Treasury Board; Minister of Energy; Minister responsible for the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act,* L): Madam Speaker, let's look at revenue generation. Does everybody remember during COVID-19 when the federal government sent the province $2 000 per nurse to give nurses bonuses? The Higgs government, which included Daniel Allain, decided to give $500 to nurses and keep the other $1 500 in general accounts because it was going to improve the working conditions of nurses. That money just stayed in the account and kept going onto the surplus. That was the strategy there.

Here's another favourite subject for the previous government. Do you remember when the federal government introduced the carbon tax and how, to mitigate that, it gave Canadians a quarterly cheque? Every Canadian got a quarterly cheque to mitigate it, but not in New Brunswick. No, no. We kept that—all those tax revenues—in general accounts. It was the biggest tax grab we've ever seen in this province, and that government kept the money in general accounts. That's how the previous government got its surpluses.

I imagine there's another follow-up question. I'll follow up on that.

Mr. Monahan (Arcadia-Butternut Valley-Maple Hills, PC): Well, I see that the minister is wearing his big cape. We should call this deflection period. Anyway, I think it's a safe bet that the Premier and the Finance Minister are not having frequent cellphone conversations, especially when the Finance Minister is in his home riding. That's based on what we've read in the media about cellphone service in the north. When the people of Bathurst aren't giving the minister an earful about this horrible financial record, they must be giving him an earful about cellphone service, but, of course, not in person and not by cellphone. Madam Speaker, one wonders whether the Premier and the Finance Minister ever discuss GDP per capita and how they have put New Brunswick in last place in North America. Maybe the Finance Minister will tell us this: Have he and the Premier had a one-on-one discussion about our woeful GPD per capita? If yes, is there a calendar where we might find mention of that meeting?

Hon. Mr. Legacy (Bathurst, Deputy Premier; Minister of Finance and Treasury Board; Minister of Energy; Minister responsible for the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act,* L): Madam Speaker, I have one last one. Does everybody remember this little gem, the New Brunswick Workers Benefit? This was the answer to an affordability crisis: 265 000 families were going to receive a cheque for $300 at the cost of $80 million to the province, except that only 70 000 people applied and only $22 million got out there. So,

$60 million stayed in general accounting. Is that because people didn't need it? I don't think so. It's because the previous government made it so complicated that nobody could apply.

The member would have people think that we are reckless. The difference is this: The previous government managed by the balance sheet. It was managed by the balance sheet. This government uses finances to put New Brunswickers and their needs first. That's the difference.

PLANT CLOSURES

Mr. Ames (Carleton-York, PC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. The power boiler at the AV Nackawic mill will be shut down on Friday. At that point, the steam will be off, and there won't be any heat. Any remaining water and stock in the pipes and equipment will soon freeze. My question to the Premier is this: Will the Premier heat the place so there is a usable asset after the shutdown? What will become of the mill after it shuts down? Where is the search committee with industry experts seeking out all possibilities? These are all questions from constituents, Premier.

Hon. Mr. Herron (Hampton-Fundy-St. Martins, Minister of Natural Resources, L): Madam Speaker, I sincerely thank the member opposite for his questions. He's doing what he needs to do to act on behalf of his constituents. Madam Speaker, I toured that facility back in May 2025. It was clear to us that the plant had an immense amount of deferred maintenance and a lack of investment. We actually started what we called a what-if committee because we saw that this situation could arise. I was hoping that committee would be acting on behalf of our future minister.

The member opposite has asked that we do a global search. I'm happy to share with the member that the Department of Natural Resources has engaged AFRY. It is the global leader in evaluating large-scale forestry installations such as sawmills, pulp mills, pellet mills, and the like. We have done this so that we can get a full grasp of what the challenge is at that facility and what opportunities might exist. I welcome a follow-up question, Madam Speaker.

Mr. Ames (Carleton-York, PC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I didn't hear whether the government is going to keep the mill warm. Is it going to shut down completely? Is it going to freeze up and become an unusable asset?

Madam Speaker, 105 000 acres of land in New Brunswick, representing 4.35 million cubic metres of standing timber inventory, are on the market, with sealed bids due from December 5 through December 17. My question to the Premier is this: When did she find out that this substantial asset is being sold by AV Nackawic? Why didn't she tell New Brunswickers? Is the government going to buy this land, or is it going to let it go? What's the answer?

Hon. Mr. Herron (Hampton-Fundy-St. Martins, Minister of Natural Resources, L): Madam Speaker, to be frank, that is another constructive question. I'm happy to share with the member opposite that the Department of Natural Resources was indeed on its front foot in that particular area. We need to make sure that this private land is part of that wood basket so that there is a forestry solution in that region. We have engaged the company with an offer. We are under a nondisclosure agreement at this moment. I want to assure the member that the government of New Brunswick is leaning in on that particular issue. We are aware that it has also been put out to tender. I share the same level of concern and enthusiasm and believe that the government of New Brunswick needs to ensure that private land is associated with that wood basket in order to provide a forestry future for the workers in Nackawic.

Mr. Ames (Carleton-York, PC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. We are still not hearing whether the government is going to heat the mill.

Hundreds of men and women are out of work because of a made-in-New Brunswick problem. This isn't tariff related. This isn't Trump related. The Premier said she has our backs. Where is this global task force in charge of looking for opportunities to replace the mill? The Minister of Natural Resources talked about AFRY. It's a report, Madam Speaker. That's what it is. It's not a global task force. Where is our industry expert? Where is the help for New Brunswick? Where is the help for Nackawic? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Mr. Herron (Hampton-Fundy-St. Martins, Minister of Natural Resources, L): Okay. Thank you, Madam Speaker. In the next 60 seconds, I want to get to two pieces, because the member opposite asked two solid questions. With respect to heating the plant and keeping that optionality alive, we don't own the facility. We have suggested very strongly to the incumbent, AV Group, that it would be helpful if it kept the facility warm. If the incumbent doesn't keep it warm, it may very well trigger an environmental impact assessment (EIA), which would be far more expensive than keeping the facility warm. I would encourage the honourable member to team up with me on this one and to lean in hard on that particular issue.

Otherwise, there could be an EIA that comes into place.

With respect to the AFRY contract, I would be happy to brief the member opposite in deep detail on why we have engaged that particular firm and on the opportunities that may exist within that wood basket to give a future to Nackawic.

COLLABORATIVE CARE CLINICS

Mr. Coon (Fredericton Lincoln, Leader, G): Thank you, Madam Speaker. Last night, I completed my fall round of community gatherings in the five neighbourhoods that make up my riding of Fredericton Lincoln. One of the things I heard was that people have lost all patience waiting for health care and waiting for the system to be fixed. The latest statistics

for the Greater Fredericton area tell us that 76 365 people have no doctor or nurse practitioner—net, new, or otherwise. That's more than one third of the people living in our region.

The people of my riding and the broader region are told by the Holt government members that the solution is collaborative care teams for each postal code. However, my constituents don't see a plan to roll this out. In fact, what I saw was that they have little hope that they will ever, ever have a medical home.

What is the minister's plan to ensure that those 76 365 people will be attached to collaborative care clinics within the next two years?

Hon. Mr. Dornan (Saint John Portland-Simonds, Minister of Health, L): Madam Speaker, I am glad to get up to speak on this issue. We are looking at opening at least two collaborative care clinics in the south end of Fredericton—in your riding. We have physicians eager to work cooperatively in these clinics. We're negotiating space for those folks—two spaces, not one—as we speak. It's not a pipe dream. We expect to announce collaborative care clinics, which are new groupings of family doctors, in this area in the near future. I think there's more than hope. There will be practical implementation of collaborative care clinics in your town. Thank you.

Mr. Coon (Fredericton Lincoln, Leader, G): Madam Speaker, we're talking about 76 365 people in the region without a family health care provider. Not surprisingly, many of them end up in the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital (DECH) ER. That ER recently hit 400% capacity, yet it's still operating with a single doctor through the night in a space that was designed for the world of the 70s, literally when I was in high school.

Seniors without a family doctor are waiting 14, 18, or 24 hours for care in what, at times, feels like a MASH unit. There's no privacy, the hallway is completely occupied, and procedures are sometimes performed in front of people in common areas. Meanwhile, the massive new wing that was built on the south side of the hospital is still unoccupied.

After two years in his position as the Minister of Health, how can he continue to tolerate such mismanagement of the health system?

Hon. Mr. Dornan (Saint John Portland-Simonds, Minister of Health, L): Madam Speaker, this is yet another opportunity. Horizon Health Network is looking at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital and is shifting its focus so that services that had been provided in the hospital will be provided in the community. That will give us more space in the hospital to look after inpatients. That's number one. Number two is that, with the advent of collaborative care physicians, the number of people going to our global emergency departments who don't need to be there and are better served by primary care has been reduced by 20%.

We're very conscious of the emergency department at the DECH. I feel bad for people who have to wait for extended periods of time. However, we're having success. We are working on reducing those times. As we open the collaborative clinics that I spoke of earlier, there will be less need for the emergency department at the DECH. Thank you.

Mr. Coon (Fredericton Lincoln, Leader, G): None of my constituents see any of that happening, Madam Speaker. They are losing hope. The most recent stats tell us that 264 118 New Brunswickers across this province lack a health care provider. The Premier has promised to attach half of those people to a health care provider by the end of her mandate. That's 132 000 people.

The Deputy Minister of Health told the public accounts committee that it costs $1 400 to attach one patient to a new or expanded collaborative care practice. Over the next two years, that will amount to $185 million in new spending to reach the Premier's goal of having 85% of New Brunswickers attached to a health care provider. The Auditor General couldn't find any sign of a plan to achieve that goal. What is the Minister of Health's plan for attaching those 132 000 New Brunswickers to a collaborative care team before the mandate is over?

Hon. Mr. Dornan (Saint John Portland-Simonds, Minister of Health, L): Once again, thank you, Madam Speaker. We've announced 22 collaborative care clinics since we started our mandate. We're well on our way to 30. We have brought in 179 net new doctors. Those net new doctors will attach people. We have hired 917 nurses. We have the most robust services agreement in the country, which is bringing doctors in. One of my colleagues spoke to a young physician out West who is aware of this agreement and is coming in to help us replace a physician who is retiring and leaving. These are all initiatives that don't work overnight. The people who are being attached are not complaining to you now, are they? The people who are not yet attached are voicing their concerns to us, to you, and to others. We are working on that day and night to increase that attachment rate, and we are winning. Thank you very much.

PLANT CLOSURES

Mr. Lee (Fundy-The Isles-Saint John Lorneville, PC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I'll stay on the same theme as my colleague, which is Nackawic. I've heard that the Labour Force Adjustment Committee for Nackawic, with government, employer, union, and community representatives, promises short-term support and economic recovery, but that the committee has produced no retraining seats, no NBCC programs, no apprenticeship pathways, and no financial supports that match reality. Workers need heavy equipment, industrial equipment, and advanced technical retraining, and the committee has not delivered a single actionable solution. This is my question to the Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour: Will you concede that the Labour Force Adjustment Committee is not a retraining strategy and commit today to establishing a real task force with the authority to deliver credential-level retraining for every displaced Nackawic

worker who seeks it? Exactly how many Nackawic mill workers, unionized and non-unionized, have received concrete, individualized re-employment or retraining placements to date, and what is your target for December 31?

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Hon. Mr. D'Amours (Edmundston—Vallée-des-Rivières, Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour; Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs; Minister responsible for Immigration; Minister responsible for Military Affairs; Minister responsible for the Research and Productivity Council, L): Minister responsible for Military Affairs; Minister responsible for the Research and Productivity Council, L): Minister responsible for Military Affairs; Minister responsible for the Research and Productivity Council, L): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I want to thank my colleague opposite for his question. These questions are absolutely relevant. When we look at the way things are going to go over the next few weeks, we see that times will certainly not be easy. We know that, right now, a number of employees have been able to identify job opportunities. There are also opportunities to discover.

You know, Madam Speaker, I had the opportunity earlier this week to have a discussion with the member for Carleton-York and the Critic for Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour. During this discussion, we let them ask questions about the way things are going. However, Madam Speaker, one of the very important things that I mentioned to them, an essential thing, is that current employees who will lose their jobs over the coming days or weeks need to take the time to meet individually with our employment counsellors. We have to determine how we can individually help people to look to the future. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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Mr. Lee (Fundy-The Isles-Saint John Lorneville, PC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. The workers in Nackawic are mature, specialized industrial workers. They cannot be shoved into the province's standard labour market training model, a model that was not built for people who operate dissolving-grade pulp systems and heavy industrial equipment. The minister is aware of this. The department is still offering the same generic programs that do not match the skill level, wage expectations, or economic importance of these workers. Minister, will you admit that the Nackawic workers require retraining beyond the province's standard labour market programs and commit to immediately funding advanced industrial retraining for individuals asking for it and for individuals who have not found employment within the sector? Thank you.

[*Translation*]

Hon. Mr. D'Amours (Edmundston—Vallée-des-Rivières, Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour; Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs; Minister

responsible for Immigration; Minister responsible for Military Affairs; Minister responsible for the Research and Productivity Council, L): Minister responsible for Military Affairs; Minister responsible for the Research and Productivity Council, L): Minister responsible for Military Affairs; Minister responsible for the Research and Productivity Council, L): Thank you, Madam Speaker. One of the things mentioned earlier that must be understood clearly is that our teams' work in the post-secondary education sector, including the NBCC, is exceptional and will be part of the solution. It must also be said that some people who are working at the Nackawic mill now have skills but may not have the necessary certifications. However, our skilled trades team is there to help. The team is there now and will also be there in the future to connect people with resources, to identify their skills, to determine if we can, in some cases, award a Red Seal, and to see how we can leverage the strengths at the Nackawic mill, with the employees. We want to find attractive job opportunities in current businesses.

As I said earlier, Madam Speaker, there are businesses that have come forward. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

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Mr. Lee (Fundy-The Isles-Saint John Lorneville, PC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. I know the Minister of Natural Resources has talked about this. AV Group calls this a "temporary idling", and government members have echoed that language. However, workers in the community are hearing something different. Will the mill be kept in a warm idle state that preserves a realistic restart, or will it slide into a cold shutdown that quietly kills any future for those jobs? This is the difference between hope and abandonment. So, my question is this: What steps is the government taking to ensure that the Nackawic mill will remain in a warm idle? If none, what binding conditions will PETL impose on the AV Group to protect those 254 workers? Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Hon. Mr. Herron (Hampton-Fundy-St. Martins, Minister of Natural Resources, L): Madam Speaker, I'll respond similarly to the way I responded to his colleague's question with respect to the warm idling of the mill. We've had direct conversations with the Birla Group to maintain a state of hot idle for optionality purposes. They're very well aware of the cost implications of a hot idle versus a cold idle. It means more dollars due to the fact that a cold idle is apt to trigger an EIA.

I want to share with the honourable members that, seeing that facility first-hand recently… I had a tour in May 2025, and, in my previous career, in a different role that I had in my life, I was in that mill countless times. The mill has been immensely underinvested in. We believe that we have visibility to do one or perhaps two options that will have a forestry future for that—

UNEMPLOYMENT

Ms. M. Wilson (Oromocto-Sunbury, PC): Thank you, Madam Speaker. New Brunswick's unemployment rate went up again in September, with over 32 000 New Brunswickers needing a job. In the meantime, numbers continued to remain stagnant over the past year—stagnant, Madam Speaker. There is no way to spin stagnant. Stagnation is nothing to strive for. Of course, with the Holt government record, stagnation is better than getting worse, which is the case in most other ministries and, of course, in cell service. Maybe the ONB Minister has a gold star by his name for his outstanding stagnancy. Can the Minister responsible for ONB and Economic Development explain the stagnant job numbers over the past year? Minister, if I can, please remember that these questions are to be answered to New Brunswickers, not to me and not to my colleagues. New Brunswickers are watching, so please answer the question.

Hon. Ms. Holt (Fredericton South-Silverwood, Premier; Minister responsible for Official Languages, L): Thank you very much, Madam Speaker.

[*Translation*]

Thank you very much for the question.

[*Original*]

Certainly, that is top of mind for our government. We need to create opportunities that deliver well-paying jobs to New Brunswickers. That's why we got to work. There was a gap in which the previous Higgs-Allain team starved the economy. Nothing was happening when we came into government.

We got to work and built a practical economic growth plan for New Brunswick—practical and ambitious. It sets a growth target of 10%, and we are going after that growth through the development of the mining sector, the agricultural sector, the tourism sector, and the defence sector, through forestry and fisheries, and by using our human resources to really deliver the kinds of roles that will pay the bills for New Brunswickers. We're starting to see results, Madam Speaker, particularly in the mining sector, where we have attracted capital investment to numerous projects. Those companies are now hiring New Brunswick entrepreneurs and delivering the jobs the Higgs-Allain government couldn't.

Madam Speaker (Hon. Ms. Landry): Question period has expired. Do we have unanimous consent to revert to Introduction of Guests?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

Madam Speaker (Hon. Ms. Landry): Agreed.