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TOPIC: Small Business Commissioner legislative process

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QUESTION No.: SI-26

Senator WHISH-WILSON: I have a quick follow-up question on the federal small business commissioner—perhaps to the minister, if it is possible. I am wondering if any thought was given to a legislative process for this position.

Senator LUNDY: A legislative process?

Senator WHISH-WILSON: In terms of an act of parliament?

Senator LUNDY: I would have to ask the minister what his thinking was about it.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: We were just concerned that with the allocation and the role—we support it—how it may potentially be cancelled in the future without having gone through this process, whether you see that as being an issue.

Senator Lundy: If the opposition were in government, you mean.

Senator WHISH-WILSON: Yes.

Senator Lundy: It is a fair point to be worried.

ANSWER

Yes.