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Senator Abetz asked:

Have you been asked by the Prime Minister to take the sorts of principles that were enunciated in that article into account when preparing policies and when looking at the issue of regulation? Has there been a government directive from Prime Minister and Cabinet that this neo-liberal view of the world of deregulation has to stop and we are now going to turn back to regulation?

Answer:

No.