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## **Was the Former Liberal Cabinet Divided on Kyoto?**

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**OTTAWA** – Today in the House of Commons, Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP Maurice Vellacott questioned the Liberal Party leader:

Two days ago, Dr. Gordon McBean revealed that when he briefed the Liberal cabinet in 2002 on climate change and Kyoto, an unnamed Liberal cabinet minister opposed taking any action, suggesting that the Liberals didn't care about climate change, but only cared about doing things that would help them win an election (Globe and Mail, January 29, 2007). Given his bragging about the Liberal environment record, will the new Liberal leader, who would have been at that cabinet meeting as Intergovernmental Affairs Minister – will the new Liberal leader tell Canadians which Liberal cabinet minister made this remark?

Was it one of the former Liberal cabinet ministers that he brags are still a part of his caucus?

Canadians would like to know who is this unnamed former Liberal cabinet minister who did not care about climate change, and if he is now the leader of the Liberal Party or one of his trusted Shadow Cabinet members.

Vellacott is pressing this important point and wants to know if the unnamed Liberal cabinet minister was Bill Graham (Toronto Centre) or Lucienne Robillard (Westmont-Ville Marie)? Was it John McCallum (Markham-Unionville), Denis Coderre (Bourassa), Ralph Goodale (Wascana), Maurizio Bevilacqua (Vaughan), or Gerry Byrne (Humber--St. Barbe--Baie Verte)? Was it Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan), Stephen Owen (Vancouver-Quadra) or Robert Thibault (West Nova)? Was it the new Liberal leader's senior advisor, former Liberal cabinet minister Don Boudria?

The Liberal Party continues to put politics ahead of real action, but Canada's New Government continues to move ahead to get things done to clean up the environment for all Canadians.

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