

## Conservative MPs' Comments on CBC Funding

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Riding	Province	MP Name	Response
Kitchener-Conestoga	Ontario	Albrecht, Harold	<p>Thank you for contacting my office about rumours regarding continued government funding of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. (CBC). These rumours began because of an out-of-context comment made by Dean Del Mastro, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage, during a Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage.</p> <p>I have included the full text for your consideration. Note: the complete comment is typed on the back of this form letter. Mr. Del Mastro makes it very clear that he was not stating government policy or intention, but was asking Gary Maavara, Executive Vice President of Corus Entertainment for his opinion on the matter.</p> <p>Currently the CBC receives \$1.1 billion per year from taxpayers in the form of direct subsidies. It receives \$41 million per year in payments from cable and satellite subscribers, fees set by the CRTC, another government body. This year they will get an additional \$96.5 million from the Canadian Media Fund, A government-mandated program funded through your cable bill to pay for new productions. And, finally, they receive millions from the CRTC's Local Programming Improvement Fund. On top of that; this, the programming CBC produces is also eligible for federal production tax credits, provincial tax credits and access to a number of other government or quasi-government money pools.</p> <p>In 2007, the government added CBC to the list of government agencies subject to the Access to Information Act, providing a valuable new tool to hold the CBC accountable. To date, the CBC has resisted compliance with this ruling and has prompted repeated court action in its bid to avoid financial transparency.</p>
Tobique-Mactaquac	New Brunswick	Allen, Michael	<p>If you look at the history of the CBC funding since we came into office, CBC has done well and in fact has seen increases in funding. I will not say at this point that they will not be asked to review their operations for cost savings just like government departments and other grant recipients will be asked to do going forward as we gradually move from deficit. However, to say that CBC will be taken off the government financing list is a huge stretch. I do realize that radio plays a pretty big part in our region based on feedback I have received from many constituents due to the more in-depth coverage they feel CBC gives to current issues and so I will continue to support that.</p> <p>The great thing about our democracy is that people are entitled to their opinion and we have plenty of opportunities to express those opinions. That said, I believe Mr. Del Mastro does not speak for caucus on this issue nor the transportation industry when he made recent comments that in my view minimized the value of trucking to the economy.</p>
Niagara West-Glanbrook	Ontario	Allison, Dean	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p>

Edmonton - Spruce Grove	Alberta	Ambrose, Rona	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and in French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving is \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayer's money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberals Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4, 000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Cypress Hills-Grasslands	Saskatchewan	Anderson, David	<p>I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding government funding. I was not present at the meeting attended by MP Del Mastro, so I am not able to comment on what he did or did not say.</p> <p>In the last election we committed to either maintaining or increasing funding to the CBC. Our Conservative Government has increased support to the CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>More importantly we have a mandate to properly manage Canadian taxpayers' money. Our Government's number one priority is the economy and we are focused on jobs and economic growth. That is why we are continuing to implement our job-creating, low-tax plan.</p> <p>Unlike the tax-and-spend opposition, we don't believe Canadians should pay more taxes. Since coming to office, we've cut over 100 taxes. We reduced the overall tax burden to its lowest level in nearly 50 years. We've cut taxes in every way government collects them: personal, consumption, business, excise taxes and more.</p> <p>We removed over one million low-income Canadians completely from the tax rolls and total savings for a typical family is over \$3,000. We've also built on our legacy of tax relief by reducing taxes on savings with the landmark Tax-Free Savings Account. These are the issues that are most important to the average Canadian.</p>
Cumberland--Colchester--Musquodoboit Valley	Nova Scotia	Armstrong, Scott	<p>Thank you for your email concerning the funding of the CBC. As a member of the Standing committee on Canadian Heritage, I want to inform you that my colleague Mister Dean Del Mastro's comments were not directed to Government policy. Unfortunately the jist of his comments have also been taken out of context for the purposes of a political fundraising campaign. The funding for the CBC has increased each year the Conservative has been in office. In my capacity as a committee member I have not seen any indication that the Government does not support the concept of public broadcasting.</p>
Fredericton	New Brunswick	Ashfield, Keith	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>

Selkirk-Interlake	Manitoba	Bezan, James	<p>I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding government funding for the CBC. I am pleased that citizens such as yourself are engaged with public policy and that you are interested in the future of our broadcaster.</p> <p>I am also pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in both English and French, delivering high-quality, culturally relevant material for all Canadians.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC. We have kept these promises. In fact, our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year, the CBC's funding has reached \$1.1 billion dollars, which is the most funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison, the last Liberal Government cut \$414 million from the CBC's budget, resulting in 4,000 lost jobs for Canadian broadcasters and artists. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p> <p>I hope that this information has clarified the Government's position on the CBC. Thank you again for taking the time to write and do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any further questions.</p>
Palliser	Saskatchewan	Boughen, Ray	<p>I am pleased to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC -- more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Kitchener-Waterloo	Ontario	Braid, Peter	<p>I have heard from a number of constituents on this important issue and want to assure you that I also believe that the CBC plays an important role in Canada. By bringing uniquely Canadian programming to our diverse cultures and regions, the CBC contributes to our shared national consciousness and identity.</p> <p>To reflect that importance, the Minister of Canadian Heritage has expressed his ongoing support for a strong national broadcaster that serves the interests of all Canadians. In fact, our Conservative Government has increased support to the CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money – more than any other government in Canadian history.</p> <p>As technology brings significant changes and challenges to broadcasting in Canada, our Government will continue to work closely with CBC/Radio-Canada to ensure that it remains a strong national broadcaster, and that it reflects Canadian diversity, protects our official languages, and is a platform for Canadian content.</p> <p>As your Member of Parliament, I am committed to upholding the mandate of the CBC. I will ensure that the views of my constituents are taken into consideration, and appreciate receiving your feedback.</p>
Yorkton-Melville	Saskatchewan	Breitkreuz, Garry	<p>Unfortunately, I cannot agree with you that the CBC is a non-partisan broadcaster but I appreciate that you have brought your concerns to my attention.</p>

Newmarket-Aurora	Ontario	Brown, Lois	<p>Thank you for writing to me about the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding government funding for the CBC with me.</p> <p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets.</p> <p>This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Oak Ridges, Markham	Ontario	Calandra, Paul	<p>Currently Parliament is providing the CBC with its highest ever level of funding. In return Parliament is seeking to have the CBC accountable to taxpayers in the very same way that all other departments, agencies or crown corporations are. I do not view that as a threat but what I do view as a threat is the lack of respect the CBC has shown taxpayers and Parliament.</p> <p>The Access to Information and Ethics Committee will begin a review of the CBC and its Access to Information protocol very soon. The Canadian taxpayer has shown respect to the CBC with its highest level of funding it is time the CBC showed the same type of respect to taxpayers.</p>
Wetaskiwin	Alberta	Calkins, Blaine	<p>Our Government has, in every single budget since 2006, increased support to the CBC. This year alone, the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars taxpayer's money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>In the 2008 election we promised to maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we kept those promises.</p> <p>Conversely, the Liberals promised stable multi-year funding when they were last in office and never delivered. They cut over 4,000 jobs at the CBC and cut funding by over \$400 million dollars. In addition to this, the NDP and the Bloc have consistently voted against funding for the CBC every year that we have been in office.</p> <p>Our Government has delivered for the CBC, kept our election promises and we will continue to do just that.</p>
Kelowna - Lake Country	British Columbia	Cannan, Ron	<p>It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC. In fact, our Conservative Government has increased support to the CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money, the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office by voting against the Budget.</p> <p>I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts and opinions with me. Please feel free to contact me at any time on matters concerning the federal government.</p>

Lethbridge	Alberta	Casson, Rick	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office</p>
Wellington-Halton Hills	Ontario	Chong, Michael	<p>Michael has read and duly noted your support of the CBC and will share your concerns with his caucus colleagues.</p> <p>Michael remains committed to public broadcasting and to the CBC. As chair of the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage, Michael has convened two meetings on the CBC, one on February 14th and the other on February 16th, to allow the CBC to outline its new five-year plan. Our government has increased support for CBC in every one of our last five budgets. In fact, in the current fiscal year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion of public funding, the highest dollar amount ever given to the CBC - more than any other government in Canadian history.</p>
Parry Sound-Muskoka	Ontario	Clement, Tony	<p>As a Friend of the CBC you are no doubt aware that financial support for the CBC's mandate &amp; programming has never been higher than under the Stephen Harper Government.</p> <p>I would be happy to keep your opinions in mind, as well as those of my other constituents, whenever the CBC is discussed in Cabinet or Caucus.</p>
Delta-Richmond East	British Columbia	Cummins, John	<p>I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding government funding for the CBC with me.</p> <p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Mississauga Erindale	Ontario	Dechert, Bob	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CVC in every one of our budgets.</p> <p>This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars taxpayer's money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history. By comparison, the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, causing 4,000 jobs to be lost.</p>

Red Deer	Alberta	Dreeshen, Earl	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Vancouver Island North	Vancouver	Duncan, John	<p>The CBC is receiving over a billion dollars of taxpayers' money this year to provide all Canadians with informative, distinctive and high-quality programming.</p> <p>This is the highest funding package ever given to the CBC.</p> <p>The Government is committed to ensuring that the CBC remains a relevant public broadcaster and that is why the Conservative government has increased, year after year, our support for the CBC.</p>
St. Catharines	Ontario	Dykstra, Rick	<p>I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding government funding for the CBC with me, and I want to inform you that this government will not abandon the CBC, and has not cut its funding.</p> <p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p> <p>Kathy and I always enjoy listening to programs on the CBC such as Randy Bachman, and songs by Jann Arden. Thank you again for taking the time to write William. Please accept my best wishes, and keep watching and listening to CBC programs because they're not going anywhere.</p>
Abbotsford	British Columbia	Fast, Ed	<p>Thank you for copying me on your email to the Prime Minister. I am puzzled as to what you are referring to when you allege or imply, incorrectly, that we have recently cut funding to the CBC. I look forward to receiving your supporting information.</p> <p>If, as I suspect, you have relied on the Main Estimates of the federal government which were tabled recently, you will have made a mistake that many others have made. The Main Estimates are supplemented by a number of Supplementary Estimates which provide additional expenditures as they are confirmed. These estimates are tabled in the months following the Main Estimates. I think you will see from these Supplementary Estimates that no cuts to the CBC will have been made, despite the economic challenges facing our government.</p> <p>The truth is, since our Conservative government was elected in 2006, financial support for the CBC has INCREASED by 11% after years of starvation by the previous Liberal government. That is a record I am proud of and will vigorously defend.</p> <p>I trust that the above clarification is helpful as you reconsider your position on this issue.</p>

Haldimand-Norfolk	Ontario	Finley, Diane	<p>I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding government funding for the CBC and I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is the federal Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election, specific promises were made to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and those promises were delivered. In fact the Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of their budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history. By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p> <p>Thank you again for taking the time to write us. Please accept my best wishes.</p>
Saint Boniface	Manitoba	Glover, Shelley	<p>Thank you for taking the time to write to me regarding CBC funding.</p> <p>I agree with you that the CBC plays a crucial role in Canadian news coverage, and that is why I am proud to be part of a government that works to ensure that the CBC remains a strong national public broadcaster that provides Canadians with the best service possible.</p> <p>The reality is that the Conservative Government has increased support to the CBC in every one of our budgets. This year alone, the broadcaster will receive \$1.1 billion of federal government support.</p> <p>In fact, the Conservative Government has provided more funding to the CBC than any government in Canadian history; CBC funding is currently at record levels.</p> <p>You may remember that, when in government, the Liberals repeatedly promised stable, multiyear, CBC funding. Despite these promises, the Liberal government actually cut CBC funding by \$414 million, cut more than 4000 jobs and, at one point, left the CBC with record low funding.</p> <p>This is a clear contrast to how the Harper Government has acted on our commitment to Canadians to support the CBC. We will continue to ensure that the Canadian broadcasting system contributes to the realization of Canadian social, cultural and economic objectives, as defined by the Broadcasting Act.</p> <p>Although I am a big supporter of a strong, national, public broadcaster, I am very concerned about accountability within the CBC and I continue to monitor that situation with great interest.</p> <p>Thank you again for your email on this important issue. I trust this information helps to address your concern.</p>
Cambridge	Ontario	Goodyear, Gary	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office</p> <p>Thank you again for taking the time to write regarding this issue. If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office.</p>

Fleetwood - Port Kells	British Columbia	Grewal, Nina	<p>I want to assure you that I too believe in having strong, visible public broadcasting and am a supporter of the CBC. In fact, our Government has invested a record of over \$1.1 billion in the CBC. Our Government of Canada has provided the highest funding package that has ever been given to the CBC - more than any government in history. Since we came to power in 2006, we have increased the CBC's budget by \$132.6 million from \$982.4 (the last Liberal budget in 2005-2006) to \$1115 million (2009-2010 Budget).</p> <p>Not only are we providing CBC with public support, but our Government is doing its part for the industry through the creation of the Canada Media Fund. This is good news as it means more money for more Canadian content and more choice for viewers. The CBC, CTV and Videotron, among others, fully endorse our government's initiative.</p> <p>The Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, has publically stated that he hopes the CBC, our national broadcaster, will refocus on its core mandate of providing Canadian programming. Clearly, there is no useful purpose for the CBC/Radio-Canada to try to compete with private broadcasters. To quote Minister Moore, "The CBC's role is not just about market share, it's not about being seen as a taxpayer-subsidized competitor to private broadcasters. It's about being where there are market failures, it's about being a platform for Canadian content in all regions of the country in both official languages to support Canadian content.</p>
Cariboo-Prince George	British Columbia	Harris, Dick	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Edmonton Centre	Alberta	Hawn, Laurie	<p>Like you and many others, I tune into Canada's national broadcaster and try to ensure I keep up with Canadian content from across our great nation. I do share your concerns regarding the CBC.</p> <p>That being said, I would like to share with you some of the things our Conservative Government has done for the CBC since coming into power in 2006.</p> <p>Our Government has, in every single budget since 2006, increased support to the CBC. This year alone, the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion worth of taxpayers' dollars. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any other government in Canadian history.</p> <p>In the 2008 election we promised to maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have kept those promises. Our Government has delivered for the CBC, kept our election promises and we will continue to do just that.</p> <p>Conversely, the Liberals promised stable multi-year funding when they were last in office and never delivered. They cut over 4,000 jobs at the CBC cut funding by over \$400 million dollars. In addition to this, the NDP and the Bloc have consistently voted against funding for the CBC every year that we have been in office.</p> <p>I am committed, just as our government is, to ensuring our national broadcaster has all the resources it needs and can carry out its mandate in a responsible and cost-effective manner.</p> <p>Thank you once again for writing. It is my honour and privilege to be your voice in Ottawa. If there is any other way that my office can be of assistance to you in the future please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>

Portage - Lisagar	Manitoba	Hoepfner, Candice	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p> <p>Thank you again for taking the time to write. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office.</p>
London West	Ontario	Holder, Ed	<p>I am pleased to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is, and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in both English and French.</p> <p>In the last election our Government made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. Our Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p>
Pitt Meadows -- Maple Ridge -- Mission	British Columbia	Kamp, Randy	<p>Our Government continues to support the CBC, which receives over \$1.1 billion of taxpayer's dollars annually. This is the highest funding package ever given to the CBC and there have been no cuts in funding to the CBC since we formed government, unlike the previous government. Our Government also helps to fund the Canadian Media Fund which supplies funding to media companies who produce Canadian content, and of which the CBC also takes advantage.</p> <p>As you may know, the CBC operates at arm's-length from the government and their programming decisions are made by CBC management. In fact, last week the CBC announced a new five-year strategic plan that includes renewed interest in connecting with Canadians where they live, whether it's through television, radio, or the web. You can find out more about their plan here: <a href="http://www.cbc.radio-canada.ca/strategy2015/">http://www.cbc.radio-canada.ca/strategy2015/</a></p> <p>If you read Mr. Del Mastro's comment in context you'll see that he wasn't stating government policy or intentions, just asking a question for discussion. The CBC has played a valuable role in Canada and will continue to do so in the future.</p>
Thornhill	Ontario	Kent, Peter	<p>The suggestion that our Conservative government would cut or cease funding to the CBC is simply not true. While the previous Liberal government slashed 40% of CBC's annual funding, our Conservative government has increased the overall public funding every year for the CBC. Mr. Del Mastro's comments regarding the CBC have been taking out of context by the media and the Opposition. Hansard, the official transcript of Parliament, provides the actual question Mr. Del Mastro posed to a committee witness; "I'm just asking an opinion — this is not a government policy, obviously — but do you think it's time that the Canadian government looks at it and says maybe it's time we get out of the broadcasting business and get into investing more money into content?" Mr. Del Mastro has since reiterated that he was seeking an opinion and was not stating Government policy or position.</p>

West Nova	Nova Scotia	Kerr, Greg	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our Government's investment in the CBC. It is our policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact, our Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison, the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry	Ontario	Lauzon, Gary	<p>I am pleased to take this opportunity to update you on our investments into the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is, and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French. In the last election, we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact, our Conservative Government has increased support to the CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars in funding from the government. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p>
Huron—Bruce	Ontario	Lobb, Ben	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Saanich, Gulf Islands	British Columbia	Lunn, Gary	<p>I appreciate the opportunity to clarify regarding our government's funding for the CBC.</p> <p>Under our gov't., funding to the CBC has gone up in every budget. Today the CBC receives more than \$1.1 billion of taxpayers' dollars. This is, in fact, the highest funding package ever given to the broadcaster.</p> <p>Suggestions that our Gov't. has cut funding to the CBC are wholly inaccurate.</p> <p>I trust this information will help to allay your concern, and thank you again for taking time to write.</p>
Nanaimo- Alberni	British Columbia	Lunney, James	<p>Rest assured, it is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national broadcaster in both English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CVC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars taxpayer's money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p>

Okanagan-Shuswap,	British Columbia	Mayes, Colin	<p>You know of course that our government has increased funding to CBC in the last three years. I appreciated in the past when I was in Northern Canada the programming of CBC and their willingness to serve more remote regions of Canada. I have not appreciated the very partisan left of centre views expressed by some talk show hosts of the CBC. On more than one occasion they have reported to their audience information that is either not factual or balanced.</p> <p>I support having a National Broadcaster that is able to bring Canadian issues to light and for discussion. I think that as CBC is supported by all taxpayers that they should voice the views of all Canadians, Conservative, Liberal and NDP. Their track record is not balanced. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history. By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office</p> <p>Corporations create wealth and jobs for Canadians. They are owned by Canadian investors or foreign investors that have risked their savings in the hope that the corporation will be profitable. In the global market corporations seek to operate in countries that have stable governments, well trained labour force, good infrastructure and reasonable corporate taxes. Canada is offering all this and that is why we are leading the world economic recovery. Maybe the CBC should do a report on all the taxes corporations pay and what that means to the services we all enjoy in Canada. Thank-you for your email, even though we are on different pages, I do appreciate your input.</p>
Brant	Ontario	McColeman, Phil	<p>Thank you for taking the time to write to me about the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). It is always important for me to keep in touch with the issue that matter most to Brant constituents.</p> <p>Funding for the CBC is now at record levels. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Kamloops-Thompson-Cariboo	British Columbia	McLeod, Cathy	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion, the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost.</p>

Macleod	Alberta	Menzies, Ted	<p>Our Conservative Government is committed to ensuring quality Canadian programming in both English and French reaches all Canadian citizens. I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to the CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC will receive \$1.1 billion in federal funding, the highest amount ever given to the CBC in Canadian history. Our Government will continue to support our national broadcasting corporation to ensure all Canadians have access to Canadian programming that is relevant, useful and entertaining.</p>
Yellowhead	Alberta	Merrifield, Rob	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound	Ontario	Miller, Larry	<p>Our Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars. I trust that this is satisfactory.</p>
Port Moody-Westwood-Port Coquitlam	British Columbia	Moore, James	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Fundy Royal	New Brunswick	Moore, Rob	<p>Thank you for your correspondence regarding the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>Our Government has been supportive of the CBC, providing \$1.1 billion in funding this year alone. This represents the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC in Canadian history. In the last election, we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC, and we have kept those promises. Additionally, our Conservative Government has increased support to the CBC in every one of our budgets.</p> <p>In stark contrast to our record of support for the CBC, the Liberals promised stable multi-year funding for the CBC every year that they were in office. However, they cut funding by \$414 million, and cut over 4,000 CBC jobs. Additionally, they left the CBC with record low levels in funding in 1998-1999. As for the other Opposition Parties, the NDP and the Bloc Quebecois have voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office. Additionally, the Bloc's economic plan did not contain a single word regarding the CBC, arts, or culture.</p>

Northumberland-Quinte West	Ontario	Norlock, Rick	<p>Let me assure you that the Government of Canada has no plans eliminate or privatize the CBC. Since 2006, the Government has maintained consistent financial support for the CBC, more than any Government in Canadian history. In fact, even during difficult economic times, your Conservative Government has maintained over \$1 billion in support for the CBC. By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts, which eliminated 4,000 jobs.</p>
Carleton Mississippi Mills	Ontario	O'Connor, Gordon	<p>It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>Mr. O'Connor appreciates the opportunity to be kept abreast of the issues that are important to his constituents so that he may keep them in mind during ongoing discussions with his cabinet and caucus colleagues.</p>
Durham	Ontario	Oda, Bev	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p>
Elgin-Middlesex-London	Ontario	Preston, Joe	<p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have kept these promises. In fact, our Conservative Government has increased support to the CBC in every one of our budgets.</p> <p>This year alone the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC in Canadian history. Our government will continue to support the CBC and to insist that the corporation increases the transparency of its spending.</p>
Halton	Ontario	Raitt, Lisa	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office</p> <p>We have forwarded your comments to our policy and research department. Should they need any further information or have any questions, they will follow up with you shortly.</p>

Edmonton-St. Albert	Alberta	Rathgeber, Brent	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election, we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact, our government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year, the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history. The Government of Canada provides annual funding to the CBC and expects the Corporation to use these public funds in the most efficient manner possible. We will continue to work closely with the CBC to ensure that public funds are managed wisely, particularly during this time of economic instability.</p> <p>That being said, I would like to see the CBC become more commercially viable and less dependent on government subsidies.</p>
Lanark-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington	Ontario	Reid, Scott	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>
Wild Rose	Alberta	Richards, Blacke	<p>It is our Government's policy that the CBC remains Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French. Since coming to power in 2006, we have increased funding to the CBC in each of our budgets. Funding now stands at \$1.1 billion, which is the highest amount ever given to the Corporation.</p>
Calgary Centre	Alberta	Richardson, Lee	<p>It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and in French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC, promises we have delivered on. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to the CBC in every one of our budgets.</p> <p>This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars taxpayer's money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history. By comparison, the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, causing 4,000 jobs to be lost. Currently, funding is a record high.</p>
Edmonton-Leduc	Alberta	Rojotte, James	<p>The CBC is mandated, under the Broadcasting Act, to provide programming which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is predominantly and distinctively Canadian, reflects Canada and its regions to national and regional audiences, and serves the special needs of those regions;</li> <li>• actively contributes to the flow and exchange of cultural expression;</li> <li>• is in English and in French, reflecting the different needs and circumstances of each official language community, including the particular needs and circumstances of English and French linguistic minorities;</li> <li>• strives to be of equivalent quality in English and French;</li> <li>• contributes to shared national consciousness and identity;</li> <li>• is made available throughout Canada by the most appropriate and efficient means and as resources become available for the purpose; and</li> <li>• reflects the multicultural and multiracial nature of Canada.</li> </ul> <p>To support the CBC in fulfilling its mandate, approximately two thirds of its annual budget is financed through a Parliamentary appropriation. Since coming to office, our government has increased that appropriation by \$23 million to \$1.09 billion in 2010. We will continue to provide the CBC with the resources necessary to deliver high-quality radio and television programming to Canadians across the country.</p>

Perth Wellington	Ontario	Schellenberger, Gary	<p>Our Government has, in every single budget since 2006, increased support to the CBC. This year alone, the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars taxpayer's money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>In the 2008 election we promised to maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we kept those promises.</p> <p>Conversely, the Liberals promised stable multi-year funding when they were last in office and never delivered. They cut over 4,000 jobs at the CBC and cut funding by over \$400 million dollars. In addition to this, the NDP and the Bloc have consistently voted against funding for the CBC every year that we have been in office.</p> <p>Our Government has delivered for the CBC, kept our election promises and we will continue to do just that.</p>
Egmont	Prince Edward Island	Shea, Gail	<p>On behalf of Minister Shea I thank you for your email on the above subject. Our office has received several pieces of correspondence voicing similar concerns. Upon review of this correspondence Minister Shea directed me to contact the office of the Honourable James Moore, Minister responsible for the CBC, to make these concerns known to him. The information provided to us by Minister Moore's office is quite clear that Government policy is that the CBC will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French. In the last election specific promises were made to maintain or increase funding to the CBC and Government has delivered on these promises as support for the CBC has increased in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC, more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>I trust this information will help to alleviate the concerns expressed in your correspondence.</p> <p>Once again, on behalf of Minister Shea, thank you for voicing your concerns. It is very important to her to hear from constituents on this and indeed all issues.</p>
Dauphin-Swan River-Marquette	Manitoba	Sopuck, Robert	<p>It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p> <p>I trust that this information serves to clarify this government's intentions with the CBC.</p>
Crowfoot	Alberta	Sorenson, Kevin	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>

Simcoe North	Ontario	Stanton, Bruce	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office</p> <p>As a regular listener to CBC radio myself, I appreciate the service the corporation provides to all Canadians.</p>
Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale	Ontario	Sweet, David	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is the Government of Canada's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact the Government of Canada has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>The Government of Canada will work towards ensuring that the CBC remains a strong national public broadcaster that gives Canadians the best service possible. We are committed to ensuring that the Canadian broadcasting system contributes to the realization of Canadian social, cultural and economic objectives, as defined by the Broadcasting Act.</p> <p>While the Department of Canadian Heritage, on behalf of the federal government, is responsible for broadcasting policy and legislation, the CBC operates independently of the Government under a framework provided in the Act. As an autonomous Crown corporation, its Board of Directors and senior management are responsible for its day-to-day operations, including its programming.</p>
Saskatoon-Humboldt	Saskatchewan	Trost, Brad	<p>Thank you for your email regarding the CBC; I have forwarded your email to Brad for his review and consideration. To our knowledge, no substantial changes to the CBC are being planned at this time.</p>
Brandon-Souris	Manitoba	Tweed, Merv	<p>I can assure you that this government supports the CBC as Canada's national public broadcaster in both English and in French. We have lived-up to our election promise to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC. In fact, this government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars in funding – this being the highest amount of funding ever allotted to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>I would like to point out that the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to the loss of 4,000 jobs. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year this government has been in office</p> <p>I hope this helps to alleviate your concerns about the CBC's viability and prosperity during this government's mandate. Thank you again for taking the time to write.</p>
Chatham-Kent-Essex	Ontario	Van Kesteren, Dave	<p>It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French. In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. The opposition has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office Thank you again for taking the time to write.</p>

Burlington	Ontario	Wallace, Mike	<p>Please be assured that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster, operating radio and television services in both English and French. Our public broadcaster must play a relevant and meaningful role for Canadians.</p> <p>In this fiscal year the CBC will receive over \$1.1 billion in Government funding, the most ever. This will assist the Corporation as it continues to provide a distinctively Canadian prime time television schedule, thus enhancing its role as Canada's national public broadcaster. It should be noted that the CBC also generates significant commercial revenues each year, primarily from advertising, and, along with other Canadian broadcasters, benefits from the Canadian Television Fund.</p>
Langley	British Columbia	Warawa, Mike	<p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to re-affirm our government's commitment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election, our Conservative Government made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that since the beginning of our government, the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC at every opportunity.</p> <p>I hope that this re-affirmation of our government's support for the CBC and that I have addressed your concerns.</p>
Peace River	Alberta	Warkentin, Chris	<p>Thank you for writing to me about the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding government funding for the CBC with me.</p> <p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC - more than any government in Canadian history.</p>

West Vancouver, Sunshine Coast	British Columbia	Weston, John	<p>Let me begin by saying that the CBC is already receiving over \$1 billion from taxpayers per year. Our Government is confident that with a budget of over \$1 billion per year, CBC's management will continue to deliver the services and news products that Canadians expect from them. Our Government, under Prime Minister Stephen Harper, is spending more on arts and culture than any government in Canadian history. During the first two years in office, we increased spending on arts and culture by eight percent. Over the next 2 years, we will be investing \$530 million in arts, culture and heritage, and \$276 million of which is new money. This necessary and worthwhile investment means more funds are available for festivals, theatres, museums, kids programs, and training programs than has ever been spent before. Funding for the CBC has been increased over the last four years to \$1.1 billion in 2009. From 2006-2009, through four budgets, our Conservative Government increased funding for the CBC despite Bloc and NDP Members of Parliament voting against this funding increase. Between 1994 and 1997, the Liberal government cut CBC's budget by \$414 million, removing 4000 positions.</p> <p>CBC is governed by an independent board of governors. They are making choices that I would not necessarily agree with. The CBC is facing the same structural problems that every other media outlet is experiencing: costs are increasing; advertising revenue is decreasing along with demand as a result of the appearance of new media on the broadcast landscape. Richard Stursberg, executive vice-president of CBC English Services has said that despite "financial constraints, CBC will maintain a commitment to its non-commercial radio service, Canadian television programming in prime time, its regional programming network, its industry-leading broadcast news operations and internet platforms." Stursberg also noted that "every week, about 80 percent of Canada's English-speaking population turn to CBC for news, information and entertainment."</p> <p>In closing, our Conservative Government has increased, year over year, our support for the CBC. The CBC is now receiving the highest funding package in history.</p>
Richmond	British Columbia	Wong, Alice	<p>You are absolutely right that the CBC is a cornerstone of Canadian society. That being said, the government is perpetually in the difficult position of having to work within a limited budget. The government does not generate wealth, but only redistributes it. That leaves us with having to choose between raising taxes, or taking funding from other areas that others would consider to be equally important. These are hard choices, and admittedly we do not always get it right.</p> <p>In the economic downturn, we have unfortunately had to cut funding to various arts and cultural programs including the CBC, even though net funding for the Department of Canadian Heritage has increased under this government. We decided that funding should be prioritized towards job creation and infrastructure investment. Having said that, it does not absolve us from carefully looking into the issue, or even prioritizing it. Do take comfort that we fully understand and wholeheartedly agree with you on the importance and value of the CBC to Canadian society.</p>
Blackstrap	Saskatchewan	Yelich, Lynne	<p>Thank you for writing to me about the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). I appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns regarding government funding for the CBC with me.</p> <p>I am pleased to have this opportunity to update you on our investment in the CBC. It is our Government's policy that the CBC is and will remain Canada's national public broadcaster in English and French.</p> <p>In the last election we made specific promises to either maintain or increase funding to the CBC and we have delivered. In fact our Conservative Government has increased support to CBC in every one of our budgets. This year the CBC is receiving \$1.1 billion dollars of taxpayers' money. This is the highest amount of funding ever given to the CBC – more than any government in Canadian history.</p> <p>By comparison the last Liberal Government delivered \$414 million in budget cuts to the CBC, amounting to 4,000 jobs lost. I would also point out that the NDP has voted against funding for the CBC every year we have been in office.</p>