



CANADA

House of Commons Debates

THE HONOURABLE JOE VOLPE, P.C., M.P.
QUESTION PERIOD: TOYOTA RECALL
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2010

Mr. Speaker, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the government could not care less about consumers. The government is blaming Toyota for the recent vehicle recall instead of taking action for Canadians. This morning, Toyota pointed a finger at Transport Canada.

Departmental documents show that the minister knew about the problems long before the media became involved.

When will the minister stop saying that he has not seen or heard anything?

Supplemental Question

Mr. Speaker, even on this issue, because over 90 incidents of unintended acceleration in Toyota vehicles were reported to Transport Canada since this party came to power, yet the minister chose to do nothing. Worse, today he complains that Toyota should have notified Transport Canada sooner, but he knew about the problems. He should have been investigating them proactively. Instead, he makes empty statements about car safety.

Will he rise today and take responsibility for ensuring that unintended acceleration problems will not happen again in Canadian cars?