

## QUESTION TIME TEMPLATE

### HOW TO ANSWER AN OPPOSITION QUESTION

*You are a minister. You are answering a question from the opposition.*

Mr/Madam Speaker *(House of Representatives)* President *(Senate)*

*(questions without notice)*

The Member for/Senator \_\_\_\_\_ *(first name of person who asked question)* has no deep interest in this issue. This question is an example of cheap political point scoring which reflects

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*(the background)*

The government is not responsible for this situation. We inherited this problem from the opposition and since being in government we have made a lot of progress. Our team has

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*(the good news)*

The government is making progress in a lot of other areas which should not be overlooked. I am happy to tell the chamber that

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*(the conclusion)*

The opposition should leave the government to get on with their job and

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