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Hon. Pierre Poilievre (Carleton, CPC):

Mr. Speaker, the Ottawa Hospital expert panel carefully studied all options for a future site and chose the one right across the street, on open federal land, easily accessible by ambulances.

The Liberals are forcing the hospital to move to Tunney's Pasture, which the expert panel ranked way down at number six because of hundreds of millions of dollars in demolition costs and longer travel times for ambulances.

Will the hospital have to cut patient care to pay these extra costs and what will happen to trauma patients whose ambulances are stuck in traffic?

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Hon. Mélanie Joly (Minister of Canadian Heritage, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, first, I would like to thank the National Capital Commission for its hard work.

Last spring, I asked it to do a thorough review of potential sites for the new Ottawa Civic Hospital. There was a rigorous, open, and transparent process, with 8,000 people participating in it. Ultimately, the NCC came up with an excellent site, which is Tunney's Pasture.

I will ensure that we study this recommendation and have great discussions with the Ontario government as well.

This is part of our own views of the NCC having—