



Statement

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Ottawa- Mel Arnold, Member of Parliament for North Okanagan- Shuswap released the following statement today in response to the Speech from the Throne opening the 43rd Parliament of Canada:

“In the Speech from the Throne today, the Trudeau government had the opportunity to present a clear plan of how it intends to support and secure our communities, economies and collective future.

“Rather than presenting a clear plan for the future, the Trudeau government presented a vague agenda, short on details and lacking in vision.

“Instead of presenting a plan to restore some semblance of fiscal balance, the government was silent on their unfulfilled promise to balance the budget.

“Over the past months, many constituents told me they are concerned about rising public debt and the Trudeau government’s plan to further increase spending while also reducing revenues raises serious questions of how our national debt can be managed.

“The Throne Speech was also silent on the mounting crisis in British Columbia’s forestry sector that drives many rural and urban economies across our province, including the North Okanagan- Shuswap.

“Despite these omissions and faults, the Speech did touch on issues that I have been seeking federal support for including housing, resources for fighting the opioid crisis, bolstering the capacities of our public health system and supporting health services and safe water supplies in Indigenous communities.

“In the coming Parliament, I will continue to represent the needs and priorities of the North Okanagan- Shuswap and fight for policies and laws that help secure the collective future of all Canadians.”

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