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**Hon. Patricia Bovey:** My question is for the Leader of the Government in the Senate. It's about the Dubai Expo 2020. The Canadian Arts Coalition said in their testimony to the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade this spring:

Historically, international expos have been very important in terms of their contribution to cultural diplomacy and the advancement of arts, science and culture in general.

We know they have also been showcases and breeding grounds for innovations in all fields.

Will Canada be taking part in Dubai Expo 2020? When is the deadline to let people know we are participating? Will we make that deadline? If the answer is yes, will our organizations, businesses and artists learn of their commitment and focus in time to take part?

**Hon. Peter Harder (Government Representative in the Senate):** Again, I thank the honourable senator for her question. Having participated in a number of those expos, I share her enthusiasm for them. However, Canada has not always participated. There have been times when Canada hasn't.

Frankly, I do not know if Canada is participating in the Dubai Expo. I will endeavour to find out and report back.

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