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Harper defends his government's record

Tories - Re: "Harper playing chicken with his political base," Mark Milke, Opinion, June 22.

In four short months, Canada's new government has moved quickly and decisively on an agenda for all right-thinking Canadians. We've cut taxes such as the GST and the taxes on individuals and companies.

We're cracking down on crime, with new tough-on-crime legislation and new resources for our police.

We're improving child care by giving money, not to academics and lobbyists, but directly to parents.

We're rebuilding pride in the armed forces. We're standing firm against terror here and abroad. We started reforming key institutions of Canadian government.

Let me also be clear -- in the coming months, we will strike a judicial inquiry into the collapse of the Fraser River salmon fishery and oppose racially divided fisheries programs.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper,

Ottawa