

What happened during the federal leaders' English debate? Here are the highlights ^[1]

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After facing heat for his child-care plans in the French language debate Wednesday, O'Toole faced one question about the issue Thursday night – and the issue was dropped after that.

O'Toole declined to answer how he would create more daycare spaces under his plan, only insisting that the tax credit he's proposing would help families "immediately."

Trudeau failed to hammer O'Toole on this, and did not bring up his recent deal with provinces that chops fees in half while creating more spaces over five years, leaving the CBC's Rosemary Barton to do it for him in her question to O'Toole.

With child care part of the larger affordability issue that remains top of mind for voters, the lack of discussion marked a missed opportunity for all parties to reach out to parents – particularly after the more substantive French discussion.

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