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The provincial Liberals should be embarrassed by a new United Nations report that suggests British Columbia is failing women by, among other things, not providing adequate childcare, NDP MLA Claire Trevena said yesterday.

The report, released on Nov. 7 by the UN's Committee On The Elimination Of Discrimination Against Women, includes observations on the status of women in Canada.

"The Committee is particularly concerned at the impact of the lack of affordable childcare ... and urges the State party to step up its efforts to provide a sufficient number of affordable childcare spaces," it stated.

Trevena, opposition critic for child care, early childhood education and women's issues, said if the province doesn't act on the report it has "lost all credibility."

Shirley Bond, provincial education minister, said the ministry is undertaking a feasibility study to determine how the program could be implemented.

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