



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-01060**

BY: **MR. ANANDASANGAREE (SCARBOROUGH—ROUGE PARK)**

DATE: **DECEMBER 13, 2016**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE RALPH GOODALE, P.C., M.P.**

Response by the Minister of Public Safety

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Women's rights

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

Terry Baker's tragic death in segregation further underscores the importance of the government's ongoing work to implement the recommendations from the inquest into the death of Ashley Smith on restricting the use of administrative segregation and the treatment of those with mental illness.

While the law provides for the use of administrative segregation in limited circumstances to help ensure the safety of inmates, staff and visitors, the government is committed to taking meaningful action, including examining legislative reforms, to address the overreliance on administrative segregation – particularly as it pertains to vulnerable populations, such as women offenders, mentally ill offenders and Indigenous offenders.