

Bevington Urges Federal Government to adopt a National Housing Strategy

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Housing, abuse shelters, household income, education and elder abuse were the main topics at the Standing Committee on the Status of Women meeting in Yellowknife this morning.

Western Arctic NDP MP Dennis Bevington asked witnesses at the Standing Committee on the Status of Women, "what can men do, to learn more about their responsibilities to prevent abuse against women and children?"

Barbara Lacey of Yellowknife Health and Social Services thanked Dennis for the Question, and said it needs to start at the grass root level.

"We need men to speak in schools and in public that violence in the household is not acceptable," said Lacey.

Therese Villeneuve of the NWT Native Womens Association said, "if the Federal government is serious about ending violence against Aboriginal women, they need to fund proper housing and education programs."

There will be media availabilities before and shortly after Noon MST at the Yellowknife Inn.

All other inquiries, for phone interviews etc. can be conducted between 2:00-2:30pm and 3:30-4:15pm.

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