

**Report on the Meeting of
Federal-Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Justice and Public Safety
January 21, 2016**

Quebec City, Quebec

Meeting Co-Chairs

The meeting was co-chaired by:
Jody Wilson-Raybould the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada;
Ralph Goodale the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness of Canada;
Stéphanie Vallée the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Québec; and
Pierre Moreau the Acting Minister of Public Security of Quebec.

Nunavut Attendees

The meeting was attended by Nunavut Minister of Justice and Attorney General Paul Okalik, Deputy Minister of Justice William MacKay, and Executive Assistant Jesse Mike.

Introductions

With a new federal government and a number of new provincial and territorial governments, Ministers spent time meeting, building new relationships, and outlining key issues that they will work on together over the coming months. Minister Okalik used the opening comments to highlight Nunavut's focus on crime prevention and supported a review of changes made by the Conservative government to the pardons system that have made pardons less accessible.

Indigenous Items - Framework for Reconciliation, Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women and Girls

Ministers discussed the issue of reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples, informed by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Ministers recognized the need to take immediate action to address violence against Indigenous women.

Ministers acknowledged that the Justice Framework, which is informed by numerous reports and discussions with Indigenous Peoples, can be updated to incorporate additional findings, including from the National Inquiry.

Ministers instructed deputy ministers to continue their important FPT collaboration, including putting the Justice Framework into action in accordance with jurisdictional priorities. In addition, they recognized that work must continue across the country to resolve outstanding cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and to improve services and supports to victims and their families.

Ministers discussed the proposed Inquiry into missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls. Ministers focused on the pre-Inquiry meetings and how an inquiry can be framed. The Government of Canada will complete pre-inquiry work by in early 2016.

The Nunavut Minister of Justice stated that Nunavut supports the Inquiry and encouraged the Government of Canada to ensure the Inquiry addresses the issue of domestic violence.

Ministers discussed the First Nations Policing Program and the need to expand the program and make it more responsive. The Nunavut Minister expressed support for an

expansion of the program to the territories.

Countering Radicalization to Violence

Minister discussed the issue of countering the racialization of Canadians and reviewed a presentation from public safety Canada on the issue of radicalization and extremism.

Cyber Crime

Ministers received a presentation by Public Safety Canada on the issue of cybercrime and cyber security. Ministers discussed the issue of rapidly changing technology and how to best safeguard IT infrastructure, data, and systems.

Financing and Innovating the Justice System

Ministers discussed the ever increasing demands on the Justice system and the need for more support to courts, police, and corrections. Ministers shared best practices from their jurisdiction on how they are doing more with strained resources.

Ministers agreed to continue to share best practices and that the discussion of more financial support for justice issues needs to continue.

Physician Assisted Dying

Ministers discussed a recently completed expert panel report on the issue of physician assisted dying. Quebec presented on its experience to date. Ministers agreed to continue to work together on this important issue.

Next Meeting

Ministers committed to meet again in the fall to follow up on these important issues and expand the discussion to other emerging or outstanding matters.