



# Tabling of Documents

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*Exchange of Correspondence with the Minister of Justice  
Concerning Firearms Safety Training*

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Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the issue of firearms safety training is very important to Nunavut communities. I am pleased to today to table my recent exchange of correspondence with the Minister of Justice concerning firearms safety and education training programs in Nunavut, which I encourage all Members to review with care.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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Hon. Keith Peterson, MLA  
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**Dear Minister Peterson:**

As you will recall, you tabled the *2016-2018 Shared Directional Statement Between the Government of Nunavut and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police "V" Division* on November 8, 2016.

The *Shared Directional Statement* articulates the following goal:

"With multi-agency partnerships, a firearms safety and education program will be implemented to focus on enhancing public safety and community wellness. Partners and stakeholders will include the Government of Nunavut, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, federal agencies, hamlet councils, Hunters' and Trappers' Organizations, Community Justice Committees and other stakeholders."

As you will recall, this issue was raised in the Legislative Assembly on the occasion of its March 2, 2017, sitting.

I am attaching for your review a collection of letters concerning an initiative in Taloyoak to provide firearms safety and education training to the community. However, as you will note, there is a lack of clarity as to how support can be accessed for the acquisition of essential firearms safety and training teaching materials and supplies, including translation and interpretation resources.

I strongly support the *Shared Directional Statement's* goal of implementing a "firearms safety and education program" for Nunavut, and would ask that your reply to my correspondence clarify, in detail, the status of this initiative.

I would also ask that your reply to my correspondence clarify, in detail, what specific sources of funding are available from departments or agencies of the Government of Nunavut to support the acquisition of essential firearms safety and training teaching materials and supplies, including translation and interpretation resources.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



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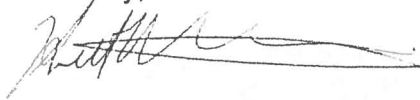
- c.c.    Members of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut  
         Senator for Nunavut  
         Member of Parliament for Nunavut  
         Mayor and Council, Municipality of Taloyoak  
         Commanding Officer, RCMP 'V' Division  
         Commanding Officer, Taloyoak RCMP Detachment  
         Chief Firearms Officer for Manitoba and Nunavut  
         Chairperson, Taloyoak Hunters' and Trappers' Organization  
         Chairperson, Taloyoak Community Justice Committee  
         Mr. Bruce Holwell



- Health will continue to collaborate with the RCMP and other stakeholders to improve firearm safety in Nunavut by:
  - Distributing trigger locks in the remaining communities;
  - Improving administrative and program support for the new CFSC instructors in order to effectively deliver the CFSC course in their communities;
  - Translating the CFSC course books into Inuktitut in partnership with Inuit Uqausinginnik Taiguusiliuqtiit linguists and terminologist's team; and
  - Planning, implementing, and evaluating an "Annual Firearm Safety Day" in at least 5 communities.

Any further inquiries on the Fire Safety Campaign, including language supports for the Canadian Firearms Safety Course in Nunavut, should be directed to the Department of Health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keith Peterson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon. Keith Peterson  
Minister of Justice