



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-02033**

BY: **Ms. HARDER (LETHBRIDGE)**

DATE: **FEBRUARY 7, 2018**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **MR. BILL BLAIR**

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Response by the Minister of Health

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Pelvic Floor Dysfunction**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

In Canada, healthcare services fall within the general jurisdiction of the Provinces and Territories. The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of helping Canadians lead healthier lives. The Government of Canada provides information on healthy pregnancies at the webpage which can be found at the following link: A Healthy Pregnancy is in Your Hands <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/healthy-pregnancy.html>.

The Government of Canada also funds the Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program which provides \$27.2 million annually to community-based organizations that provide support to improve the health and well-being of pregnant women, new mothers, and babies facing challenging life circumstances. Programming includes health and nutrition counselling, breastfeeding support and education on infant care and development. The CPNP serves over 48,000 participants in over 2,000 communities across Canada each year.

Through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the Government of Canada is supporting pelvic floor dysfunction research. For example, CIHR is supporting Dr. Roxana Geoffrion and her team at the University of British Columbia to conduct a randomized trial of two vaginal surgery methods. Their research aims to investigate a new procedure that may be a better, more durable, option for women with pelvic floor dysfunction.

In addition, CIHR is supporting the work of Dr. Mélanie Morin and her team at Université de Sherbrooke who are investigating the use of physiotherapy as a treatment for stress urinary incontinence in women with major obstetrical injuries. Their research will enable women with these injuries to be directed to the appropriate treatment.