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Official Opposition Speaks Out for Justice, Human Rights and Public Safety

Kent Hehr, Shadow Justice Minister



During his first sitting of the Legislature as an MLA, Kent Hehr lived up to the Official Opposition's commitment to hold the government accountable for its actions.

Kent Hehr's responsibilities as Shadow Justice Minister require him to speak out on behalf of any and all Albertans who are treated unfairly, and to ensure that Alberta's laws and their enforcement keeps Alberta peaceful, safe and secure.

Kent Hehr in the Legislature

"When can Albertans expect the Solicitor General to at least commit to giving police officers the ability to battle gun crime by amending the Traffic Safety Act to enable the impounding of vehicles carrying firearms not registered to the operator to protect besieged communities like Hobbema?"

"Why doesn't this government finally raise AISH [Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped] benefits to a reasonable level and then index them to inflation on a regular basis?"

"Yesterday's double stabbing in Calgary's inner city indicates that violence is on the rise. As I often frequent a pizzeria in the neighbourhood to pick up a slice, this is very concerning to both me and my constituents. As a result, I have an appetite to ask the Solicitor General about public safety.

"To the minister of health: when you spoke with the CEO of the Calgary health region, were you informed of the additional \$25 million that this cash-strapped region needs, or did you miss that part of the conversation?"

The province has announced funding for an additional 41 officers in Calgary. When will downtown Calgary see these new recruits on the street?"

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Here are the topics Kent raised in the Legislature on your behalf:

Justice and Human Rights

Unified Family Court
Sexual Orientation and Human Rights
Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped
Legal Aid
Gaming
Victims of Crime Fund

Environment

Environmentally Friendly Packaging

Public Safety

Firearms Regulation
Gang-related Violence in Hobbema
Corrections Officers
Security of Oilsands Tailings Ponds
Violence in Licensed Premises
Vehicle Seizures
Edmonton Remand Centre
Policing Needs in Calgary

Health Care

Calgary Health Region Funding
Physician Supply
Smoking in Vehicles Carrying Children

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