



# Alberta Council of Women's Shelters

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Hon. Mike Cardinal  
Room 104  
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Dear Mr. Cardinal:

The Alberta Council of Women's Shelters continues to have grave concerns regarding shelters being designated to the Commissioner of Services for Children. We have met with John Lackey and Mat Hanrahan and informed our membership of the outcome. I have attached letters of concern from shelters across the province and ask that you review our concerns and grant us a meeting. ACWS and individual shelter staff have been attending the Working Group meetings across the province and our distress increases.

The Council certainly supports the work of the Commissioner's Office and would like to continue working within this realm to see that the needs of children are met. There remains so much work to be done in developing children's services, the fear among the membership is that the focus and dollars for abused women will be lost. Many women throughout the province accessing shelter services do not have children.

The Council requests that shelter budgets remain intact within the regions so that they will be protected and separate from Children's Services budget.

As the process of regionalization unfolds and the transition has occurred we would be pleased to revisit this issue. Thank you for giving our request your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely

for Jean Langdon  
President

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cc John Lackey  
Jane Holliday