

**RESPONSE TO AN ORAL QUESTION RAISED IN THE SENATE
ON NOVEMBER 16, 200 BY THE
HONOURABLE SENATOR GERRY ST. GERMAIN
REGARDING
INNU SUICIDE IN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

**RÉPONSE À UNE QUESTION ORALE
DE L'HONORABLE SÉNATEUR
POSÉE AU SÉNAT LE 2003
CONCERNANT**

Oral Question raised in Senate

I am simply asking whether any thought has been given to thinking outside the traditional box of just giving money (ie. One-on-one counseling, etc...)?

RESPONSE

- Innu and Inuit suicides are an urgent and complex matter. The Government of Canada supports community healing and is working with the Innu communities to provide programs that reduce risk factors and increase protective factors.
- One-on-one counselling services are available in both Innu communities through the family support workers, addictions counsellors and the health centres.
- In addition, the Labrador Health Secretariat in Goose Bay has a psychologist and mental health and addictions staff who work closely with the health centres in both Innu communities to address suicide prevention, solvent abuse, and other social issues.
- The social problems that we're working with the Innu to address have developed over several decades. There have been encouraging results and many individual successes but healing will take time.

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