

RESPONSE TO PETITION



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Petition tabled by Mr. Whitford on April 26, 1995

Response by the Honourable Stephen Kakfwi Minister of Justice

Federal Gun Control Legislation

On April 24, 1995, the Caucus Subcommittee on Gun Control made a presentation to the Standing Committee on Justice and Legal Affairs, concerning the impact of Bill C-68, An Act respecting Firearms and Other Weapons, on northern residents. The Sub-Committee expressed its opposition to those features of Bill C-68 which are inappropriate to northern realities and which are also not cost-effective or enforceable.

The Sub-Committee also expressed support for measures which will punish violent offenders who use weapons in the commission of crimes, and protect the rights of law-abiding firearms owners.

