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Mr. Allan Buteau  
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Dear Mr. Buteau:

Thank you for your emails dated October 10, 2008 and October 22, 2008 to the Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier, regarding family violence and your letter dated October 17, 2008 to me regarding your complaint against the RCMP. Premier Stelmach has asked that I respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

Alberta Justice takes all forms of family violence seriously. Regardless of gender, violence in the home is unacceptable. The impact on families, communities, and society is long lasting and damaging. Alberta Children and Youth Services has compiled a family violence resource sheet for boys and men which is available at:

[http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/images/familyviolence/doc\\_opfvb\\_resources\\_men.pdf](http://www.child.alberta.ca/home/images/familyviolence/doc_opfvb_resources_men.pdf).

Resources include organizations dedicated to helping male victims of family violence such as; the Family of Men Support Society Line in Calgary and the Men's Help Line in Alberta.

The funding of women's shelters in Alberta falls within the mandate of Alberta Children and Youth Services. I note that you have included the Honourable Janis Tarchuk, Minister of Children and Youth Services, in your October 22, 2008 email.

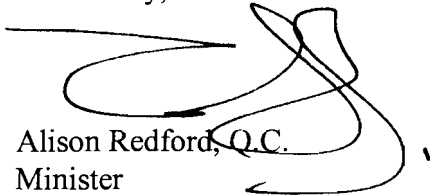
Regarding your concerns about Sergeant Jackson and the Redwater RCMP, it is important to note, complaints about members of the RCMP fall under the federal *RCMP Act*. You have already forwarded your complaint to the *Commission for Public Complaints Against the Royal Canadian Mounted Police* (CPC) in your October 17, 2008 letter. The process for filing complaints against the police is outlined in the Alberta Solicitor General and Public Security website at:

[http://www.solgps.alberta.ca/programs\\_and\\_services/public\\_security/policing/policing\\_oversight\\_complaints/Publications/Complaint%20RCMP.pdf](http://www.solgps.alberta.ca/programs_and_services/public_security/policing/policing_oversight_complaints/Publications/Complaint%20RCMP.pdf)

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You may be interested that the Government of Alberta, lead by Alberta Justice, has established a Safe Communities Secretariat to target factors that give rise to crime and promote safe communities. The Safe Communities Secretariat has a three year mandate to develop a long term crime reduction and prevention strategy and promote innovative safe community strategies. It is our hope that the Secretariat will promote strong and vibrant communities that are safe for all Albertans. If you wish to learn more about the Secretariat, you may visit <http://www.safecommunities.gov.ab.ca>.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Redford', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Alison Redford, Q.C.  
Minister

Copy: Honourable Ed Stelmach  
Premier