



## Questions to the Liberal Party of Canada

**Whereas correctional officers have a dangerous workplace that is different from that of other federal public servants;**

### 1. Blood Samples Act

Will your party adopt legislation that was introduced in the last Parliament that grants the right to correctional officers to request a blood sample when the officer is attacked with or exposed to an inmate's bodily fluids?

Yes   
No

### 2. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

What specific steps will your government take to address the issue of post-traumatic stress disorder among correctional officers?

First responders put their safety and security on the line in service to Canadians, but the very nature of their jobs means they are more likely to be affected by PTSD. The federal government has a primary responsibility for the care of several groups – including correctional officers, veterans, and the RCMP – that suffer disproportionately from PTSD. Where we can, we should play a leadership role.

Unlike the current Prime Minister, who refuses to meet with Premiers on health care or any other topic, a Liberal government will create a national action plan on PTSD, bringing together the provinces and territories to develop a coordinated approach to support individuals suffering from PTSD. Furthermore, we have two federal bodies that can be mandated to focus on this issue: the Mental Health Commission of Canada and the Canadian Institute for Health Research.

The Liberal Party of Canada is committed to ensuring the highest quality mental health care services for first responders. We ask you to stand in harms' way to protect us and keep us safe; you deserve the highest level of support and care from your country, including mental health care when you need it, where you need it.

### 3. Occupational Health and Safety

Will your party repeal the changes made to the definition of danger in the *Canada Labour Code* contained in the *Economic Action Plan 2013 Act, No. 2*, to ensure correctional officers have a vehicle, mechanism or process to resolve health and safety issues in their workplace?

Yes   
No

### 4. Sick Leave

Correctional officers have specific sick leave provisions recognized by Treasury Board since 1999 that take into consideration the often dangerous and unique conditions we work in. Will your party ensure these provisions are respected in recognizing that the nature of our work is different from other public servants?

Yes   
No

Signature : 

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