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## **Government seeks Albertans' input on victims of crime legislation**

### ***Online survey launched as part of legislative review***

*Edmonton...* Albertans are invited to participate in an online survey to provide their feedback on the province's victims of crime legislation. The consultation is part of a scheduled review of the legislation to ensure it continues to work effectively for victims of crime.

"We want to hear what Albertans and particularly victims of crime have to say about the legislation," said Frank Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security. "The input obtained through the survey will help us determine whether amendments to the legislation are required so that the needs of victims of crime continue to be met."

The survey covers the *Victims of Crime Act* and regulations, which includes the Victims of Crime Financial Benefits program. This year, Alberta is providing \$11 million in grants to police-based and community-based victims of crime programs and approximately \$14 million in financial benefits paid directly to victims of crime.

The online survey is available at <http://bit.ly/VictimsSurvey>. The deadline for participating in the survey is January 27, 2011.

The regulations came into force in 2004 with the requirement they be reviewed by June 1, 2011.

For more information on Alberta's victims of crime legislation and the financial benefits program, visit [www.victims.alberta.ca](http://www.victims.alberta.ca)

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