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Dear Ms. Legare,

On behalf of the Minister of State (Seniors), I am responding to your recent correspondence regarding elder abuse.

The Government of Canada works closely with all provinces and territories to help seniors and organizations that work with seniors and those that care for seniors find the information they need on elder abuse prevention. The elder abuse section of the www.seniors.gc.ca website provides important information along with links to resources on elder abuse prevention in all provinces and territories across Canada. The concern that you have raised falls under the jurisdiction of Manitoba's provincial government. I would encourage you to consult with Manitoba Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors: (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthyliving/>), and Manitoba Justice: (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/justice/index.html>), and advise them about your concerns. The departments may be able to review the case in more detail.

In addition, I would also encourage you to consult the following website: http://residents.gov.mb.ca/reference.html?d=details&program_id=59, which outlines some of the resources available in Manitoba to deal with the issue of elder abuse. Of particular note is a confidential service that provides support and makes referrals concerning seniors who are victims of psychological, physical or financial abuse. The Seniors Abuse Line can be reached at 1-888-896-7183.

I hope this information is helpful and thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. The Government of Canada takes the matter of elder abuse very seriously.

Yours sincerely,

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