

I am reaching out to find a contact person who can assist us with the implementation of platform commitments on sexual and reproductive health. I am responsible for sexual and reproductive health at Health Canada (new commitments from Budget 2021) and we are now turning our attention to implementation plans for the new platform commitments. I've listed the commitments to provide you with context. I would be grateful if you could identify a lead that can work with us going forward to ensure that our efforts are coordinated. I've copied Devon MacFarlane, manager of our unit who will follow up. I've highlighted the relevant commitment for CRA below. There are also tax related commitments for which we will be working with Finance. Please let me know if CRA should also be part of these discussions.

Thank you so much. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

- Establish regulations under the CHA governing accessibility for sexual and reproductive health services so that no matter where someone lives, they have access to these services.
- Failure on the part of a province to meet this standard would result in an automatic penalty applied against federal health transfers.
- Up to \$10M for a portal that provides accurate, judgement-free, and evidence-based information on sexual and reproductive health, with a section that counters misinformation about abortion.
- Up to \$10M to youth-led grassroots organizations that respond to the unique sexual and reproductive health needs of young people.
- **No longer provide charity status to anti-abortion organizations (for example, Crisis Pregnancy Centres) that provide dishonest counselling to women about their rights and about the options available to them at all stages of the pregnancy.**
- Ensure the cost of in-vitro fertilization (IVF) becomes an eligible expenditure under the Assisted Human Reproduction Act (AHRA)
- Expand the Medical Expenses Tax Credit to include costs that have been reimbursed to a surrogate mother for her IVF expenses
- Move forward on providing adoptive parents an additional 15 weeks of leave to make sure they get the same level of support to care for their children as other parents
- Create a \$25 million Menstrual Equity Fund for women's shelters, not-for-profits, charities, community-based organizations, and youth-led organizations to make menstrual products available to vulnerable people.
- Provide free tampons and pads in federally regulated workplaces

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**Subject:** FW: For Comment: Platform Commitment - FYA

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Hi Maria,

This is another secret finance request. As you'll see it's an issue that is pertinent to your team in terms of tangential connections to some ongoing audit work. Could you/Kelly please review and share any compliance comments/considerations we should flag for our colleagues, noting the due date below (again, if you need more time, just let me know)?

Note that I'm not sharing this one beyond you and Kelly, and it's not to be discussed beyond the 3 of us.

If you have questions or would like to touch base let me know. I have a tight schedule this week but can make time for this.

Thanks,  
Melissa

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Thanks!

Sharmila

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Hi Sharmila,

I have no additional comments but strongly support the need of a clear identification of the activity determined as offside.

Thanks

Stéphane

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# D&C and Anti-Abortion Groups

October-21-21 2:31 PM

## Anti-Abortion

- Claire's summary of what would be required

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- Are we doing anything in this space? Do we have the necessary tools (is legislation helpful)?
  - o Questions re: pro-life groups

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Hi Sharmila,

Please see [here](#) for our notes on the implementation of platform commitments.

Anne

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Just sharing a little bit of additional background I received.  
Sharmila

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Just a heads up that we will be pulling something together and may run a draft by you on Monday as there are compliance considerations in terms of our ability to implement and, particularly for the anti-abortion item, consideration|s at registration.

Thanks – we will be in touch when we have a draft – I wanted to provide a heads-up as the turnaround time will be short.

Sharmila

**Sharmila Khare**