

PUBLIC SAFETY MINISTER GOODALE REAFFIRMS JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S COMMITMENT TO 'EVIDENCE-BASED' GUN CONTROL POLICIES – FEBRUARY 11, 2016

In an interview with iPolitics (see link below), Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said he was unaware just how much the number of restricted guns in Canada had risen. He said the government plans to take a closer look at the number of guns in Canada. **“We’re going to obviously be looking at all of the statistics of this kind,”** Goodale said. **“We want to be an evidence-based government making sound decisions on the basis of hard facts. All of those statistics will be reviewed. I’m anxious to see what external commentators have to say about it and how they analyze those mega stats, what it means in precise policy terms.** I haven’t got that analysis yet but I will be looking at it.” The government is particularly interested in the question of illegal guns in Canada as well as the relationship between guns, gangs and illegal drugs, Goodale said. “We are concerned about the illegal movement of guns and will obviously be looking at that – especially cross-border smuggling and to what extent that has contributed to the growth of the problem,” Goodale said. “We’ll also be putting into place a really important campaign undertaking and that is the guns and gangs task forces that will take a little time to get that rolling because it has to go through, obviously, fairly detailed negotiations with provincial governments.”

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