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Public Safety

Ms. Dianne Watts (South Surrey—White Rock, CPC):

Mr. Speaker, Canadians were horrified by the unspeakable murders committed by serial killer Robert Pickton. Despite the fact that he is now in prison, families of his victims were shocked to hear that he has recently published a book.

What will the government do to ensure that serial killer Robert Pickton in no way benefits financially or through the distribution of his depraved writings?

Hon. Ralph Goodale (Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, the impact of this book by Pickton is painfully traumatic for the victims. All Canadians share in that grief. Canadians also expect Amazon to respond quickly and sympathetically to this outrage, which I understand it has done this afternoon.

The Correctional Service is investigating the source of the manuscript. We will be examining all those who have assisted in any way in this odious enterprise.