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## Ask a candidate

### General questions

1. How does your party intend to address the sexualized violence crisis in Nova Scotia?
2. Sustainability is a pressing issues for organizations like the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre in Halifax. If elected, what steps would your party take to ensure that centres like Avalon are able to maintain a high standard of service to those who need it?

### Liberal representative

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2. The Liberal party rehired Kyle Harris as director of communications. Harris voluntarily stepped down from the position on May 9. Two years before he was rehired, Harris was fired for lying about a domestic assault charge. How can we be sure the Liberals will take a strong stance on issues such as domestic violence and sexualized violence when they knowingly rehired an individual charged with assaulting a woman?
3. The Liberal party has only 12 female candidates out of total of 51 and has not committed to ensuring a 50 per cent female cabinet. How does the party intend to address women's health and women's issues when they do not have adequate representation?

### Progressive Conservative representative

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2. In the PC platform, the party commits to requiring post-secondary institutions to develop comprehensive sexual violence policies, and provincial court judges to complete comprehensive and ongoing education in sexual assault law. The party also states they will pass the Dignity for Victims of Sexual Violence Act and keep communities safer by restoring the Liberal cut to the Boots on the Street Program. If elected, how much funding is the party committing to addressing sexualized violence in Nova Scotia?
3. The PC party has only 16 female candidates out of a total of 51 and has not committed to ensuring a 50 per cent female cabinet. How does the party intend to address women's health and women's issues when they do not have adequate representation?



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## New Democratic Party representative

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2. In their platform, the N.S. NDP state they will renew the Sexual Violence Strategy and allocate \$500,000 in additional funding to sexual assault service providers with multi-year funding agreements for sexual assault centres and other community organizations providing sexual assault services. The NDP also allocated \$500,000 in additional funding to Nova Scotia's women's centres and \$1 million to immediately double the number of sexual assault therapists available across the province. Upon renewal of the Sexual Violence Strategy what changes, if any, will be made?
3. Does the NDP commit to ensuring equal male/female representation? In what other ways does the party intend to address women's health and women's issues?

## Green Party

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2. Does the Green party commit to ensuring equal male/female representation? In what other ways does the party intend to address women's health and women's issues?
3. In the event the Green party is elected, would more core funding for sexual assault services and centres be provided and how much money is the party committing to addressing sexualized violence in Nova Scotia?