

## **Update Message from NASK December 16 2010**

The MPs Luncheon of December 7, hosted by MP Dean Allison (Niagara West-Glanbrook), was well attended by MPs from across Canada, including members of the Health Committee. There was great interest and expressions of support for in the *Canadian Anaphylaxis Awareness Initiative*.

Dean Allison reported on the meeting in the House of Commons on the following day:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0QnfkXmoC-Q>

Interestingly, of those in the room, at least half know someone with a life threatening allergy. Everyone learned how to use an EpiPen!! Edmonton area MP Laurie Hawn even vlogged about how to use the EpiPen in his December 10<sup>th</sup> week-end report back to constituents:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1YZMZtf8zw>

In the meeting, our group called for five specific action items.

1. Federal Coordination – of programs and services dealing with anaphylaxis and food allergy information
2. Coordinated Awareness Campaigns – both targeted and general public information initiatives
3. Long Term Commitment to Research – a strategic response and more dollars for research
4. Improved Allergen Labelling - for foods, drugs, cosmetic and personal care products
5. Improved Transportation Safeguards – airline and public transportation policies that reduce risk for food allergic passengers

You can read the full background policy piece here:

<http://www.nask.ca/files/5-Point%20Policy%20Items%20re%20Motion%20546.pdf>

Thank you for your continued support.

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