

Federal Election 2019  
As of October 18, 2019

Party Platform Commitments  
National Dementia Strategy

Criminal Defendants with Dementia  
Access to Justice

Party	Dementia commitment	Funding	Notes	Party Response to Letter	Notes
Conservative Party	None.	None.	Dementia Justice has expressed concern to party leader Andrew Scheer.	None.	
Green Party	“In collaboration with health professionals and provincial/territorial governments, develop and fund a national dementia strategy. Within 25 years, the number of Canadians living with a form of dementia could reach 1.3 million, imposing the highest economic, social, and health costs of all diseases. The strategy would support research, improve quality of life for patients and care givers, and educate the public to increase awareness and reduce stigma.”	\$50M annually for five years (2020-2025).		October 15, 2019. Agree the justice system is failing persons with dementia, and that reforms are urgently needed. Will work to pursue regulatory and legislative reforms affecting criminal justice processes. Through the national dementia strategy, will maintain a presence of justice professionals to ensure that this issue remains part of the national conversation.	Adding a justice sector representative to the strategy’s ministerial advisory board is a key recommendation in Dementia Justice’s housing vulnerability report.
Liberal Party	-	-	Released Canada’s first national dementia strategy in June 2019. Budget 2019 proposed \$50M over five years to help advance the strategy.	None.	National Dementia Strategy mentions federal inmates (in an Appendix), but not broader defendant population. No justice sector representation on strategy’s ministerial advisory board.
NDP	“To deliver these results all across the country, we will lead a National Seniors Strategy that will work with the provinces, territories, and Indigenous governments to make seniors' health care a priority, reduce isolation, and tackle seniors’ poverty. This will include a funded national dementia strategy and an elder abuse prevention plan developed with seniors to put an end to abuse and neglect in our communities.”	\$35M over four years. 2020-21 \$5M 2021-22 \$10M 2022-23 \$10M 2023-24 \$10M		October 14, 2019. Recognize the need to address resident-on-resident violence. While recognizing there are people already in the criminal justice system who need protection, will address health labour shortages and improve hands-on care that will hopefully prevent persons with dementia from entering the system. Have long-advocated for criminal justice system reforms built on evidence-based policies. Will to implement a funded national dementia strategy that also includes supporting and preventing persons with dementia who come into the criminal justice system. Part of this work will include reviewing legislation to consider the recommendations in Dementia Justice’s housing vulnerability report.	
People’s Party	None.	None.		None.	