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Prostitution in Scarborough is up 95 per cent over the last year. That is a doubling of prostitution crimes. Drug offences are up 22 per cent.

These are figures that residents and many neighbourhoods in metropolitan Toronto are struggling to cope with. They look to their elected representatives. They look to government and they see nothing happening. The cancer of the crack house continues to grow. They ask for the government to react, to do something about it.

In the meantime, the government watches while the powers of police to investigate and prosecute are restrained. They look at a Criminal Code that is 100 years old and does not address the phenomenon of the modern crack house. The government is simply not addressing the phenomenon of the urban crack house with either legislation or policies. It has not provided any alternatives.

To put the icing on the cake, there is legislation that permits the seizure of proceeds of crime. Usually those proceeds are seized as a result of drug criminal activity. Even when the municipality bears the cost of the drug investigation, which in many cases in a metropolitan area like Toronto amounts to many millions of dollars, the federal government is not giving back to the metropolitan police the money that was spent to investigate the crime in the first place. That is negligence. That is an abandonment of the federal government's very important role in this area. The government is deaf to the issue of urban crime.

The second area I want to bring to the attention of the House has to do with federal non-funding of refugee and immigrant settlement.

In the one area of refugee settlement, the region of metropolitan Toronto and Peel will spend approximately \$430 million in the settlement of refugees. That includes welfare costs. That money comes from the pockets of municipal taxpayers. The federal government has capped its funding of all of this and has not responded to this funding imperative.

If the federal government and federal legislation is going to accommodate the refugees, then it damn well better start funding the settlement initiative. Municipal taxpayers are becoming fed up with having to carry more

than their share of the burden when they do not manage the laws and the borders.

An hon. member: That does not happen in New Brunswick.

Mr. Lee: Well it happens in southern Ontario.

The other area has to do with the field of education. We have a lot of great new immigrants in this country. They are populating principally our larger cities and we are glad and proud to have them.

A difficulty arises when they come in large numbers to particular municipalities. The school boards are forced to absorb the second language training for these new Canadians. When they come in large numbers it creates significant distortions for school boards.

I have a list of schools here that have anywhere from 43 per cent to 27 per cent of students who must be educated in a second language. English is the second language.

The cost of integrating and adjusting goes on for several years, the school-boards estimate about four years, and the federal government is not assisting. The federal government is happy to have the new immigrants, happy to have the family-class immigrants and the business-investor immigrants and Canadians are too. But the federal government has abandoned to the municipal taxpayers the cost of funding the education integration.

There is a cost because if the costs are not paid, the school itself and the quality of education in the school suffers. The full student body is not able to absorb all of their education training in the English language or in the French language in Quebec or other parts of the country.

This is an abandonment in these areas: urban crime, they are asleep at the switch; and in federal funding of immigrant and refugee settlement, they have abandoned it to municipal taxpayers.

These taxpayers and their elected representatives on a municipal and regional level are very angry. They are waiting, I am waiting, and my constituents are waiting to see what this government is going to put forward as a solution to that ridiculous abandonment in that field.

I will close now and invite this government to address its negligence before it is too late.