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## Government Playing Politics With Lives of Labrador Residents: Opposition



The Opposition is accusing government of playing politics with the lives of people in Labrador. Leader Yvonne Jones presented a petition on behalf of some 3 thousand residents who are seeking improved Air Ambulance services in the region. The province currently has two Air Ambulances-one based in St. John's, the other on the Northern Peninsula, and a handful of high profile incidents have drawn attention to what some in Labrador have called an 'unreliable service'. Health Minister Jerome Kennedy says he has spoken with several families and a number of community groups in Labrador. He says all seem to suggest the service would be better placed in Happy Valley-Goose Bay. Kennedy wants to know if the Opposition is suggesting moving the service to Labrador, out of St. Anthony, the district now represented by newly elected Liberal MHA Marshall Dean.