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**The Honourable Minister of State (Families and Caregivers) Tony Ianno visits  
Brampton-Springdale**

On Monday March, 14 2005 The Honourable Minister of State (Families and Caregivers) Tony Ianno visited Dr. Ruby Dhalla's Riding Brampton Springdale, where he met seniors from the riding.

During this public meeting, Minister Ianno listened attentively to the concerns and problems being faced by the area seniors. Dr. Dhalla was able to facilitate a wider forum of discussion with the participation of Councillor Garnett Manning, who represented the Brampton City administration. The meeting was held at long term care facility in Brampton-Springdale on Sunnymedow Blvd.

Louise Bell, Administrator for the long term care facility was also present during the meeting. Minister Ianno provided detailed information about the new programs, which are being initiated by the Government.

In the latest budget the Government has increased funding for seniors. They will be receiving an additional \$400 dollars per head and a couple will be getting additional \$700. 50% of this money will be issued to them from Jan, 2005 and the remaining 50% will be available in January next year.

Mr. Ianno also discussed the 'New Horizon' program which will enable senior's organizations to become more engaged and active citizens of their communities.

"The hardwork, passion and vision of our seniors must never be forgotten, I am honoured to a part of a government which values seniors and their contribution to Canada's social fabric" said Dhalla.

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