|  |
| --- |
| Minister Toews to speak with Albertans January 24, 2020 [Media inquiries](#media-contacts)  Government is hosting telephone town halls to listen to Albertans’ ideas and priorities for Budget 2020.  Two telephone town hall meetings, on Jan. 27 and Jan. 28, will give Albertans the opportunity to ask questions and provide their views on the provincial budget and Alberta’s finances.  “Telephone town halls are an opportunity for us to speak directly to Albertans and listen to their priorities. In the lead-up to Budget 2019, we were able to connect with almost 35,000 people across Alberta. Their feedback helped inform the budget and I am looking forward to hearing from Albertans again.”  Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance  Albertans with a publicly listed phone number will automatically receive a call to participate. Residents who live north of Red Deer will receive a call on Jan. 27 and those who live in Red Deer and southern Alberta will receive a call on Jan. 28. People are also invited to listen and participate [online](https://video.teleforumonline.com/video/streaming.php?client=15500). How it works  * The telephone town halls will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. reaching residents in:   + northern Alberta (all communities north of Red Deer) on Monday, Jan. 27   + southern Alberta (Red Deer and all communities south) on Tuesday, Jan. 23 * Publicly listed telephone numbers (those not on the national or provincial do not call list) will be dialed and invited to participate in the call. * Participants can choose to [register online in advance](https://vekeo.com/youralberta/). * People may also dial into the call toll-free at 1-877-229-8493, and enter the code 115500. * Albertans may also [listen and submit questions](https://video.teleforumonline.com/video/streaming.php?client=15500) * The 90-minute call will be moderated. A question-and-answer period will follow after opening remarks. * No personal information will be saved or used by the Government of Alberta.   Participants’ comments will help frame decisions for Budget 2020 and future budgets. Albertans can continue to [provide their comments](https://www.alberta.ca/budget-consultation.aspx) for the budget online until Feb. 7. Media inquiries[Jerrica Goodwin](mailto:Jerrica.Goodwin@gov.ab.ca)  587-988-3278 Press Secretary, Treasury Board and Finance |
|  |