

From: Christy Clark.MLA [Christy.Clark.MLA@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2013 2:42 PM
To: Minister, AEIT AEIT:EX
Subject: FW: Contact MLA Form Submitted From Legislative Assembly Web Site

Categories: Reply-Staff on Min behalf, Correspondence

Hi Megan,

Thanks for helping me out with this, please see the email from the constituent below.

Kind Regards,

Stephanie Spence

Constituency Assistant
Vancouver - Point Grey
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From: S. 22
Sent: April-29-13 11:02 PM
To: Christy Clark.MLA
Subject: Contact MLA Form Submitted From Legislative Assembly Web Site

Name: S. 22

Email: S. 22

Message: Hello Ms Clark, My name is S. 22

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a program for youth who show high potential towards becoming innovative leaders for tomorrow. Further information could be found at ^{s.22} the program fee for this program excluding airfaire is nearly 4000\$. In Ontario the MLAs offer their students 1000\$ bursaries towards this program. I am hoping that you would be able to support me in attending this program by offering a similar bursary. Especially after hearing your debate, I believe that you put education for youth as a high priority, and I would be very grateful if you could support me in attending ^{s.22} this summer. Good Luck in the upcoming elections,
Sincerely ^{S. 22}

Text Attachment: Log ID 94924

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Reply **May 27-2013**

From: AEIT SABC AEIT:EX
Sent: Monday, May 27, 2013 10:41 AM
To S. 22
Cc: Minister, AEIT AEIT:EX; 'Christy.Clark.MLA@leg.bc.ca'
Subject: Our Ref. 94924 - Re: Bursary inquiry to attend the s.22

May 27, 2013
Our Ref. 94924

Ms. S. 22
E-mail Address: S. 22

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Thank you for your e-mail addressed to the Honourable Christy Clark, former MLA for Vancouver-Point Gray, regarding a bursary to attend the s.22 program. As post-secondary education falls within the responsibility of the Ministry of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology and Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism, your e-mail has been forwarded to me for response.

I would like to first acknowledge the commitment and dedication involved to meet the qualifications required to be selected to attend this program.

Under the federal Canada Student Financial Assistance Act, StudentAid BC assistance is designed for eligible students attending a post-secondary full-time program of study of 12 weeks minimum in duration.

If you have not done so already, you may wish to explore the following two web pages on the s.22 website, Applicant Financial Assistance at:

s.22 and Fees, Bursaries and Scholarships at s.22

With regard to further sources of funding, you may wish to look at the following options:

- www.studentawards.com;
- www.scholarshipscanada.com;
- www.canlearn.ca; and
- community organizations.

I would like to wish you every success as you pursue your educational goals.

Sincerely,

Nancy Singh
Acting Executive Director
Student Services Branch
Ministry of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology and
Ministry Responsible for Multiculturalism

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Ministry of Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology

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**Province of
British Columbia**

**Deputy Government Caucus Whip
Parliamentary Secretary for the Northeast**



Pat Pimm, M.L.A.
Peace River North

June 24th, 2013

Dear Honourable Amrik Virk,

I am doing a follow up letter to you in regards to the Northern Opportunities Program in School Districts 59, 60, & 81.

This is a fantastic program that could easily be added to school districts around the province and would go a long ways towards helping with worker shortages moving forward.

This program has been in operation for 10 years now and has a great success as per the 2 charts I am including for you. This program is 100% endorsed by Industry & First Nations as well as Northern Lights College. However; we are very close to losing this program at a time when it should be expanding to other regions of the province. This program has been financed in kind by the Industry, School Districts & College in the past with some actual financial assistance from the Northern Development Initiative Program.

The Problem we are facing is that it doesn't fit under the proper criteria for NDI funding and they have said this is the last year they are going to do so. The second problem is that the program thinks outside the box, therefore; doesn't really have a home in Education, Advanced Education or Apprenticeships.

I am begging you to have a serious look at this program before it is lost and gone forever which would be a true shame. This program probably requires about \$300, 000.00 per year to make it whole and to lead us into some great employment opportunities for the province. Please let me know how I can help make this program a permanent program within our system.

I would be more than happy to work with all 3 Ministries to make this program the true success story that it should be.

Pat Pimm M.L.A.
(Peace River North)



AUG 09 2013

Our Ref. 95206

Honourable Pat Pimm, MLA
Peace River North
Parliament Buildings
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Dear Colleague:

Pat

Thank you for your letter regarding the Northern Opportunities Program, delivered in School Districts 59, 60 and 81, which is one of a number of successful student transition models in British Columbia.

I understand that the former Minister of Advanced Education, the Honourable Ralph Sultan, directed staff from my ministry to arrange a meeting to discuss the Northern Opportunities Program with staff from the Ministry of Education (EDUC) and the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (JTST). A key priority under my mandate as the Minister of Advanced Education is to work closely with JTST and EDUC to ensure the integrated delivery of education and skills training to support high school students in successfully entering the workforce.

As you may be aware, there are a number of other successful student transition models in British Columbia that are funded by their partner organizations, rather than by Government. These include Thompson Rivers University's TRU-Start program, and the South Island Partnership program that involves Camosun College, the five school districts of southern Vancouver Island, and local industry. Another example is the Career Technical Centre in Prince George, that is a partnership between the College of New Caledonia and School District 57, which enables high school students to get a head start on apprenticeships in fields like automotive service repair, carpentry, plumbing and many other trades.

As well, Northwest Community College recently signed the Coastal Pathways Partnership agreement with Terminals Inc. and School District 52. The five-year partnership will provide an investment of \$350,000 toward delivering skills training, specifically targeting the needs of the region. The agreement will facilitate early exposure to training and employment opportunities for high school students; cooperation with industry to enhance the learning environment for all students; and, trades training that will provide citizens in the region with long-term employment.

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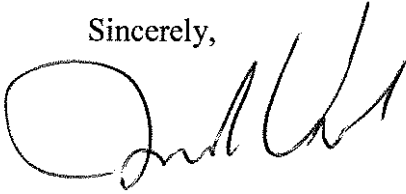
As you know, the Government of British Columbia has announced its budget and funding priorities for 2013/14, and there is a strong commitment to balancing the provincial budget. Given the challenging fiscal environment, the Ministry of Advanced Education is unable to commit to providing \$300,000 in ongoing funding to support the Northern Opportunities Program.

The Northeast Regional Workforce Table was established by JTST to address the type of challenges you describe and to bring local stakeholders together to discuss how best to align regional training to meet local employment opportunities.

As this matter also falls within the responsibility of Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, and the Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education, I am sharing your letter with Minister Bond and Minister Fassbender for their consideration.

Thank you for writing to share your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amrik Virk', written over a large, faint circular stamp.

Amrik Virk
Minister

pc: Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training

Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education

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RALPH SULTAN, M.L.A.
Member of the Legislative Assembly
West Vancouver - Capilano

Honourable Amrik Virk
Minister of Advanced Education
Parliament Buildings, BC
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Dear Minister:

Amrik :

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The provincial government controls the level of tuition fees charged to students in our universities and colleges. In the years prior to election of the new government in 2001, tuition fees were fixed by government -- presumably to garner favour with students and their families -- with the result that these institutions were, with inflation on-going, increasingly squeezed financially.

For about two years under the Gordon Campbell government, price control was abolished. Universities and colleges moved tuition rates up briskly (with no discernible slackening of demand).

In September 2005, the Campbell government reinstated price controls under the Tuition Limit Policy to garner favour with students and their families. Tuition fees could be increased 2% per annum maximum. Most institutions appear to have adopted the maximum 2% cap per annum.

As university costs climb, particularly at professional schools such as engineering and medicine, subject to international competition for faculty, many universities once again feel the financial squeeze. This squeeze will not relax under the stringent budgeting discipline of Budget 2013-14 and beyond.

Recently, a faculty member from the Faculty from which I graduated many years ago at UBC, the Faculty of Applied Science, approached me with a suggestion to provide professional schools with a measure of budgetary relief.

His suggestion was:

Selected professional faculties at B.C. universities should be allowed to raise their tuition levels by 5% per annum, subject to the condition that 1.5% -- that is, one half of the 3% increment over the previous allowable increase -- is turned back to the students in the form of bursaries.

The faculties which would be permitted to adopt this new pricing cap would be Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Applied Science (including engineering and nursing), and Forestry. All other university divisions would remain under the 2% tuition cap.

A compelling reason for allowing such increased flexibility in setting tuition rates is the fact that Engineering at UBC, as one example, is falling farther and farther behind competing quality institutions in its tuition rates; for example (full year tuition rate for undergraduate students taking a normal course load):

We rank some of the best North American engineering schools from most expensive to least expensive:

MIT	\$42,050	US dollars (higher in Canadian dollars)
Caltech	\$39,990	US dollars (higher in Canadian dollars)
Texas A & M	\$9,006	US dollars (higher in Canadian dollars)
Univ. Michigan	\$6,854 to 8,885	US dollars (higher in Canadian dollars)
UC Berkeley	\$7,492.75	US dollars (higher in Canadian dollars)
Queen's	\$11,935	
Waterloo	\$11,600	
Toronto	\$11,354 to 12,363	
Alberta	about \$6,600	
UBC	\$5,593 to \$6,000	

Note that private American engineering schools charge up to seven times higher engineering tuition than does UBC. Even the three state universities in the above list, charge significantly higher tuition than UBC. Ontario engineering schools charge about twice as much for their tuition as does UBC.

Conclusion: UBC is under pricing its engineering tuition significantly. As measured by the competition, there is significant scope for UBC to increase its tuition, particularly when offset by increased bursary assistance for students in need.

Minister, our universities live in a competitive world. If, for misguided political reasons, we force our universities to charge much lower tuition than the market dictates, there are two consequences: the burden on the general taxpayer of British Columbia is increased, and the burden on our institutions striving to be the best, is increased.

I believe this proposal warrants serious consideration.

Yours truly,



Ralph Sultan, MLA
West Vancouver-Capilano



RALPH SULTAN, M.L.A.

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Aug. 14 / 2013

Re: Physiotherapists

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Since my own daughter is a physiotherapist I am very conscious of the limited training capacity of our institutions of higher learning in the physio field. I am copy minister Amrik Virk on this note and your useful letter.

attach:

cc. Hon. A Virk

Telephone: 604 981-0050 Fax: 604 981-0055

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Terry Oaken

From: S. 22
Sent: July 30, 2013 5:04 PM
To: Sultan, MLA, Ralph <Ralph.Sultan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Subject: too many jobs not enough students

Dear Ralph,

I thought you and the rest of the government would be interested in this. The majority of these jobs are in the private sector. I believe it is time to look at a second Physio School in BC as many qualified students have to go elsewhere and never return and many of the jobs sit empty.

The UBC school would argue differently as they want to keep control but in today's information world you do not have to have a school of medicine attached. At one time much of the lectures were from medical faculty but not so any more. The private sector jobs are outstripping the public sector by a huge margin. At one time 30 years ago s.22 there were approximately 200-300 private physios out of about 1700. Now there are about 1600 out of 3200 registrants. So a 50% split between Private and Public.

In the job creation area it would be a boost to have a second school and I would encourage some of the other universities such as Quesnel to look at it. Yes the tuition would be high but the job market is there after in all areas. The baby boom bulge is going to put a strain on all Public facilities and I can attest to the fact people are willing to pay for private physio. It is efficient, effective and keeps people out of the hospital system.

Think about it and I do think that is worth the government looking at. We should be graduating 150-160 a year to keep up with demand and these numbers growing to 200 over the next 10 - 15 years. I do not think expanding the UBC system is efficient or desirable. It already is caught in inefficiencies of staffing. Many of the courses are supported by external clinical staff. They will argue no practical placements and I would say it is because they are poor at public relations and placing students.

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Sincerely,

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Physio Student and Yearbook Editor s. 22 shared this class of 2013 photo. When the class graduates in November, there are 260 jobs awaiting the 80 new physios. The world is their oyster as expectant patients look forward to their emerging expertise.

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CLIFF M- 95630 – MLA Tegart ^{S. 22} **Issues with PCTIA reporting requirements**

On 2013-08-02, at 10:01 AM, "Pilon, Lori R" <Lori.Pilon@leg.bc.ca> wrote:

Dear Minister Virk:

I am writing on behalf of MLA Jackie Tegart. MLA Tegart received the email below from ^{S. 22}
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- Filing requirements generally of PICTA; and more particularly with the requirement for a Projected Cash Flow Statement. Although in PICTA's Bylaws they have always had the requirement to submit a Cash Flow Statement, they have only started to enforce this requirement in the last few years. ^{S. 22}
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- The Provincial government putting a cap on sponsorships.

Could you please advise if there is anything we can do to assist ^{S. 22}

Thanks so much!

Lori Pilon
Constituency Assistant to
Jackie Tegart, MLA Fraser-Nicola
Box 279, Ashcroft BC, V0K 1A0

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EMAIL FROM ^{S. 22}

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Our Ref. 95630

September 17, 2013

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Dear

Thank you for your correspondence shared with Ms. Jackie Tegart, MLA for Fraser-Nicola, regarding the Private Career Training Institutes Agency (PCTIA) filing requirements for^{s.22}

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As this matter falls within the responsibility of the Honourable Amrik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education, your request has been forwarded to me for response on Minister Virk's behalf.

While the Province of British Columbia is responsible for the legislation that governs private career training in British Columbia, Government does not directly oversee private career training institutions. As you know, these institutions are regulated by PCTIA, a Crown Agency created by the Province under the authority of the *Private Career Training Institutions Act* (the Act).

With regard to your concerns on documenting projected cash flow of all programs delivered by a private career training institution, I can advise you that the requirement for a *Projected Cash Flow Statement* is part of the PCTIA bylaws, and has been enacted for sound reasons. All private career training institutions have the same requirements to submit the *Projected Cash Flow Statement*, as it is an important method of determining the financial stability of an institution and assists PCTIA with its legislative mandate of providing consumer protection for students. As a regulatory agency, PCTIA is expected to treat the private institutions under its regulatory scope in a fair and equitable manner, and bylaw requirements must be applied equally to all private career training institutions registered with PCTIA. I understand from your correspondence that you were granted an extension by PCTIA staff. You may wish to contact PCTIA to discuss your concerns on this matter further. Contact information for PCTIA is provided below:

Private Career Training Institutions Agency
203 - 1155 West Pender St
Vancouver, BC V6E 2P4

Telephone: (604) 569-0033
Fax: (778) 945-0606

E-mail: info@pctia.bc.ca
Website: www.pctia.bc.ca

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I recommend that you continue to direct your concerns to PCTIA as they are the appropriate contact for this matter.

I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Valarie Bakowski'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Valarie Bakowski
Executive Director

pc: Honourable Amrik Virk
Minister of Advanced Education

Ms. Jackie Tegart, MLA
Fraser-Nicola

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RALPH SULTAN, M.L.A.

Sept. 25, 2013

Hon. Amrik Virk
Advanced Education

Dear Amrik:

I hereby request a detailed
briefing on why Capilano
University's grant/FTE is
only \$6934 while Nicola
Valley Institute of Technology
is twice as high. A formal
in-depth briefing please.

Thanks, Amrik.

Ralph Sultan

attachment

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cc:

October 29, 2013

Honourable Christy Clark, MLA, Westside-Kelowna
Honourable Steve Thompson, MLA, Kelowna-Mission
Mr. Norm Letnick, MLA, Kelowna-Lake Country

Dear Colleagues:

I had the pleasure of meeting with the Southern Interior Construction Association (SICA) in Kelowna on September 27, 2013, and was impressed with the leadership that SICA demonstrates in engaging employers and employees in the construction industry in skills upgrading.

As you may know, SICA is a part of the provincial ([British Columbia Construction Association](#)) and national construction associations ([Canadian Construction Association](#)).

SICA is also a registered and accredited institution with the Private Career Training Institutions Agency, and offers a range of courses to improve or develop skills that relate to the construction industry.

Government recognizes the need to provide training in the workplace so that workers can become more productive and progress to higher level positions in their careers. The Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (JTST) is leading in this area and is working with employers and institutions across the province to address the need for skills training.

As SICA is interested in furthering the provision of essential skills to workers in the construction industry, I suggested that SICA may wish to connect with Okanagan College on how they might work together, and continue to pursue opportunities that may be available to their organization through JTST.

I am sharing this information with you should it be of assistance to your constituents in the Kelowna region.

Sincerely,



Amrik Virk
Minister

pc: Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training



November 15, 2013

Honourable Peter Fassbender, MLA
Surrey-Fleetwood

Mr. Marc Dalton, MLA
Maple Ridge-Mission

Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to acknowledge the e-mail shared with you on November 4, 2013, by a constituent^{s. 22} application to a welding program at the University of the Fraser Valley, and forwarded to me on your constituent's behalf on November 6, 2013.

I am pleased to advise you that Ministry staff have contacted^{s. 22} and this matter has been resolved. The Ministry has concluded this enquiry on your constituent's behalf.

Thank you sharing the concerns of your constituent with me. I extend my best wishes to your constituent and wish^{s. 22} every success in his future endeavours.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature of Amrik Virk, consisting of a large 'C' shape followed by a small dot.

Amrik Virk
Minister

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Greg Kyllo, M.L.A.
Shuswap

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Honourable Amrik Virk
Ministry of Advanced Education
PO Box 9059 STN PROV GOVT

Dear Minister Virk:

I have recently received a letter from my constituent
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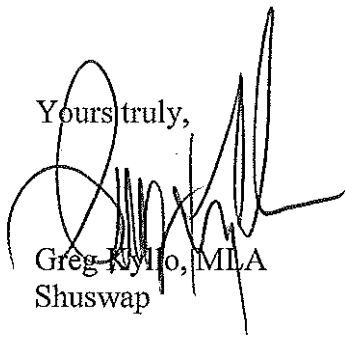
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who has very clearly

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I would appreciate it if you or your staff could review the attached documents to determine if this issue can be mitigated. Please copy me on your response.

Yours truly,



Greg Kyllo, M.L.A.
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Enclosure

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Thursday, November 21, 2013

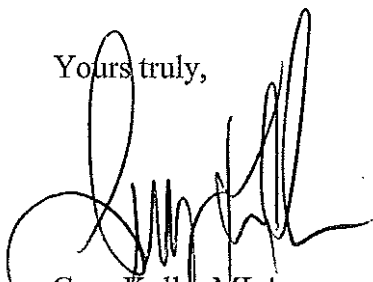
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Thank you for your letter dated November 10, 2013, and for taking the time to share your concerns with me regarding ^{s.22}

Since the issue you raise falls under the purview of Advanced Education, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to the Honourable Amrik Virk, for their consideration.

Again, thank you for your letter and for the opportunity to respond.

Yours truly,



Greg Killo, MLA
Shuswap

pc: Minister Amrik Virk, Ministry of Advanced Education

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November 10, 2013

Honourable Greg Kylo
P.O. Box 607
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Re ^{S. 22}

Dear Mr. Kylo

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Sincerely,

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Copies to:
Honourable Amrick Virk, Minister of Advanced Education
BC & Canada Student Loans

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November 9, 2013

Honourable Greg Kylo
P.O. Box 607
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Salmon Arm, B.C. V1E 4N7

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Re:

Dear Honourable Greg Kylo:
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I trust that this application will be reviewed.
Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Copies to:
Honourable Amrick Virk, Minister of Advanced Education

Our Ref. 96108

November 29, 2013

Mr. Greg Kylo, MLA
Shuswap
Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Kylo:

Thank you for your letter of November 21, 2013, sharing the concerns of your constituent,
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I advise you that Ministry staff have fully considered and responded to S. 22 on these
issues and provided all available information on funding sources that may be available to assist
s.22 The Ministry has concluded this enquiry on your constituent's behalf.

I trust this information is helpful, and I appreciate that you have shared the concerns of your
constituent with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amrik Virk', written in a cursive style.

Amrik Virk
Minister