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MINISTRY OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
JUSTICE SERVICES BRANCH
BRIEFING NOTE

TOPIC:

Recall and Initiative Act – Initiative Vote Preparations

PURPOSE OF NOTE:

- FOR INFORMATION: Attorney General
- MEETING REQUIRED: Yes

ISSUE:

Information respecting preparations and timing issues in regard to the HST Initiative vote.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/ RECOMMENDATION:

The *Recall and Initiative Act* (the Act) provides for initiative votes on the last Saturday in September every three years, if necessary (i.e. if any initiative petition has received the required number of signatures). The HST initiative petition and draft bill met the requirements of the Act and an initiative vote is required to be held on September 24, 2011.

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IMPACT ON OTHER MINISTRIES OR BRANCHES:

Elections BC is the independent agency responsible for conducting electoral events in British Columbia, including initiative votes and referenda. An initiative vote requires extensive planning and preparation, and any changes to the process and timelines in the Act may affect Elections BC's planning and capacity to carry out the vote.

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Labh, Janet AG:EX

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Subject: Cabinet submission on HST vote s.12
Attachments: Cabinet Decision Summary Sheet HST Vote s.12

Attorney General:

I attach the final draft of the submission on the HST vote (along with the decision summary sheet).

The submission has been developed with commentary from Tom Syer along the way. He, of course, has been in dialogue with the transition team.

I have asked my assistant, Janet Labh (copied here), to get it ready for submission to Cabinet Operations asap tomorrow, as this matter is scheduled for Cabinet next week, on March 16. I would therefore appreciate your reviewing and, if appropriate, verbally approving the attached submission. We could then arrange for your signature in some fashion.

I am sending this from my home email because my PC Laptop Outlook is not working -- please reply to my work email and I will get your message on my Blackberry.

Thank you very much.

David

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