

**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
POLICING AND SECURITY BRANCH
POLICE SERVICES DIVISION
BRIEFING NOTE**

PREPARED FOR: Suzanne Anton, Attorney General and Minister of Justice
FOR INFORMATION

ISSUE: Meeting with Alberta Minister, Jonathan Denis, QC
- Gang Reduction Strategies

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2013/14 ESTIMATES NOTE

Provincial Gangs and
Guns Strategy

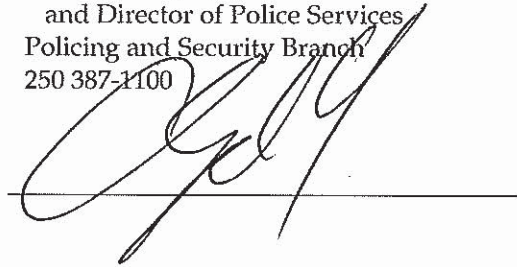
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ADVICE TO MINISTER

CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE

Ministry of Justice

Date: Nov. 12, 2013

Minister Responsible: Hon. Suzanne Anton

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Mandatory Sentences for Guns (Ont. ruling)

Suggested responses:

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Background:

On Nov. 12, 2013, media reported the Ontario Court of Appeal has ruled the mandatory minimum three-year sentence for a gun crime – enacted by the federal government as part of an omnibus crime bill in 2008 – is unconstitutional. The sentence has applied for possessing a loaded, prohibited gun.

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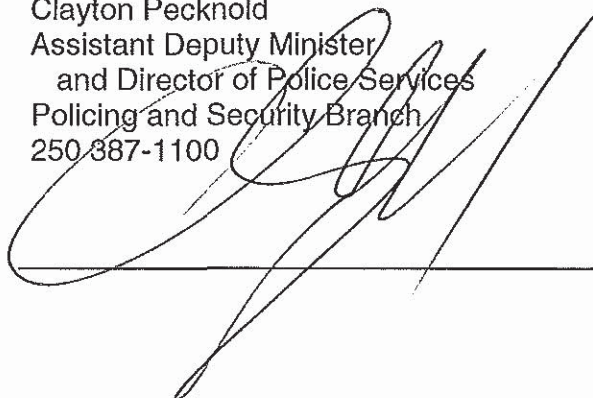
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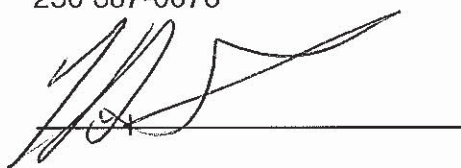
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TOPIC: Phone call between Minister Anton and Federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness, Steven Blaney.

ISSUE: Minister Anton will participate in a phone call with Minister Blaney regarding Minister Blaney's recent appointment and BC's interest in FPT collaboration on public safety matters.

SPEAKING POINTS:

Introduction

- Allow me to congratulate you on your new position as federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.
- BC has enjoyed a number of successes in working closely with your department over the last few years and I'm looking forward to building on this successful partnership.

Recent successes in working collaboratively

- For example, we are continuing to move forward on the national mental health strategy for corrections that was developed in 2011 by the Heads of Corrections Working Group on Mental Health, including Correctional Services Canada. BC supports the priority areas for this work, which include mental health screening, assessment, information-sharing, suicide and self-injury prevention and management, discharge planning and staff training.
- We are also very excited about the Strategic Training Initiative in Community Supervision (STICS). This model for training probation officers has been proven to reduce re-offending by up to 38%. The national STICS pilot project, in which BC probation officers participated, was led by Public Safety Canada.
- We are also seeing impressive reductions in drug related recidivism, by more than 50%, through the continued operation of the Drug Treatment Court in Vancouver, which is jointly funded by the Province of BC and the Federal Government.

Current Priorities

- Proactive disaster mitigation investment is a cornerstone of effective response and recovery. British Columbia strongly supports the creation of a new federal National Disaster Mitigation Strategy and Program to help achieve this.

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- I welcome the opportunity to work together with you on these and other public safety issues and federal reforms that are likely to have implications for BC.
- I look forward to meeting you in person at the October meeting of FPT Ministers of Justice in Whitehorse.

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