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From: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 1:10 PM
To: Joe Fries
Subject: Re: Penticton

Hi Joe. I don't have exact details but I suggest following up in a couple weeks if that works for you. I think I should have more information for you at that time.

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Hi Kristy:

I'm on a really tight deadline now, but can you say where exactly the business plan is at? Has it gone to Treasury Board yet?

How come government hasn't made a decision by end of June as expected?

How do you define "very near future?"

Joe Fries - Reporter

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I understand that we are continuing to move forward on this and will likely have something to announce later this summer.
Proposed response is below. Please let me know if this is fine to send.

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Call Time:
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Oops, forgot someone ... sorry Kristy!

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Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 9:35 AM
To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Penticton hospital update

Hi Kristy:

As discussed, I'll be looking for an update on the PRH expansion proposal by 2 p.m. on Monday in order to make a compressed deadline for our Wednesday paper.

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Thanks. Joe

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Regarding your two questions below:

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