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Subject: Just FYI - Omnibus federal crime bill introduced today

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA INTRODUCES THE SAFE STREETS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

Toronto, September 20, 2011 – Today, the Honourable Rob Nicholson, P.C., Q.C., M.P. for Niagara Falls, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada introduced the *Safe Streets and Communities Act*, comprehensive legislation that will target crime and terrorism and provide support and protection to victims of crime.

"I am proud today to announce that our Government has fulfilled its commitment to Canadians to bring forward legislation to make our streets, families and communities safer," said Minister Nicholson. "We campaigned on a promise to get tough on child sexual offenders, crack down on illegal drug trafficking, and improve the overall efficiency of our judicial system. Canadians gave us a strong mandate to bring forward these reforms."

"Canadians want an immigration system that treats people fairly. We will not allow our immigration system to be misused by those who prey on the vulnerable," added the Honourable Jason Kenney, M.P. for Calgary Southeast and Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and Multiculturalism. "With this bill, officers will be able to stop situations of abuse and exploitation before they happen."

The *Safe Streets and Communities Act* re-introduces the following reforms which were debated by Parliament during the previous session but never became law:

- The *Protecting Children from Sexual Predators Act* (former Bill C-54), which proposes increased penalties for sexual offences against children, as well as creates two new offences aimed at conduct that could facilitate or enable the commission of a sexual offence against a child;
- The *Penalties for Organized Drug Crime Act* (former Bill S-10), which would target organized crime by imposing tougher sentences for the production and possession of illicit drugs for the purposes of trafficking;
- *Sébastien's Law (Protecting the Public from Violent Young Offenders)* (former Bill C-4), which would ensure that violent and repeat young offenders are held accountable for their actions and the protection of society is a paramount consideration in the treatment of young offenders by the justice system;
- The *Ending House Arrest for Property and Other Serious Crimes by Serious and Violent Offenders Act* (former Bill C-16), which would eliminate the use of conditional sentences, or house arrest, for serious and violent crimes;
- The *Increasing Offender Accountability Act* (former Bill C-39), which would enshrine a victim's right to participate in parole hearings and address inmate accountability, responsibility, and management under the *Corrections and Conditional Release Act*;
- The *Eliminating Pardons for Serious Crimes Act* (former Bill C-23B), which would extend the ineligibility periods for applications for a record suspension (currently called a "pardon") from three to five years for summary conviction offences and from five to ten years for indictable offences;
- The *Keeping Canadians Safe (International Transfer of Offenders) Act* (former Bill C-5), which would add additional criteria that the Minister of Public Safety could consider when deciding whether or not to allow the transfer of a Canadian offender back to Canada to serve their sentence;
- The *Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act* and related amendments to the State Immunity Act (former Bill S-7), which would allow victims of terrorism to sue perpetrators and supporters of terrorism, including listed foreign states, for

loss or damage that occurred as a result of an act of terrorism committed anywhere in the world; and

- The *Preventing the Trafficking, Abuse and Exploitation of Vulnerable Immigrants Act* (former Bill C-56), which would authorize immigration officers to refuse work permits to vulnerable foreign nationals when it is determined that they are at risk of humiliating or degrading treatment, including sexual exploitation or human trafficking.

By bringing forward this legislation, the Government is demonstrating its commitment to ensuring criminals are held fully accountable for their actions and that the safety and security of law-abiding Canadians and victims comes first in Canada's justice system.

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Subject: RE: Briefing materials on the Omnibus Bill
Attachments: Police Corrections - Federal crime bill impacts - IN 19Sep11.doc

Minister is doing media at 1:30. So 2 pm is a bit late. But here is the latest SG note, the "general messaging section" has changed based on feedback from MSB.

General Messaging:

- We have not been involved in the development of the omnibus bill, but will take time to carefully review the legislation now that it has been introduced.
- The criminal justice system is a partnership that requires significant federal and provincial collaboration.
- Over the past decade, our government has consistently invested more in policing; supported integrated, intelligence-led approaches; and brought in tough, targeted laws.
- The latest crime statistics show these efforts, and those of our police, have made communities safer for B.C. families.
- Since 2001, we've more than doubled the annual provincial policing budget - it's up by \$167 million.
- This has helped to increase the officer count across B.C. by more than 2,100 and reduce B.C.'s crime rate to its lowest level in more than three decades.
- We also return all traffic fine revenue back to municipalities so they can invest it in local policing priorities at their discretion.

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- Our strategy is having success – more than 200 organized crime and gang members and associates have been arrested and charged with over 400 serious offences since the strategy was unveiled a year and a half ago.
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Thanks Jacque. I think what we need is one IN that captures the points from both Ministries. At this point there are too many people involved and this is resulting in inconsistent messaging. I am going to send Robert and Sarah key messages and some background points that could be included in a joint IN. I am aiming to have this by 2:00pm today.

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This is to let you know that we are coordinating the briefing materials for the Omnibus Bill. It is important that the messages are carefully worded to reflect existing positions and concerns made by ministers and deputies. We are linking with CJB (Neil McKenzie, Art Hargrove) and will link with other branches in AG, SG and MP as needed. To avoid inconsistency in messaging, please ensure that all requests on positions come through us.

Thanks very much.
Jacquie

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ISSUES NOTE

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Date: Sept. 20, 2011
Minister Responsible: Hon. Shirley Bond

**Federal Safe Streets
Act – B.C. impacts****SUGGESTED RESPONSES:****General Messaging:**

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Amendments related to young offenders (C-4*)

- Our government has consistently supported police and community efforts to intervene with young people who are, or are at risk of becoming, involved in criminal activity.
- Keeping records of measures used outside the court system, like restorative justice, may help police to better identify, track and intervene with youth involved in crime.
- B.C. police forces have information management systems like PRIME that would allow them to maintain these records while keeping the identities of young people secure.

Limiting use of conditional sentences (C-16*) and imposing minimum sentences for serious drug offences and a higher maximum sentence for marijuana growers (S-10*)

- The federal government has not provided B.C. with a detailed cost projection for its national crime agenda.
- Our inmate and probation populations have been growing steadily for several years, as is the case across the country.

ADVICE TO MINISTER

- The proposed changes to sentencing legislation will have implications for provinces, including their corrections infrastructure and resources.
- We need to have additional conversations at federal-provincial-territorial tables about the impact on correctional services.
- The Province is already in the midst of a \$185 million capital expansion—the largest in BC Corrections' history.
- Over the next two years, it will add 340 cells across the province to hold more than 600 offenders.
- BC Corrections will be hiring another 200 correctional officers when these projects are complete and are in the process of hiring an additional 37 probation officers to implement proven training methods that help change the behaviour of offenders.

Amendments related to human trafficking (C-56*)

- B.C. welcomes efforts to prevent the trafficking and exploitation of any persons and we look forward to reviewing the specific measures the federal government has introduced.
- Our province is recognized as a source, destination, and transit province for sex trafficking and forced labour trafficking – and that is why B.C. made it a priority to create Canada's first Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons in 2007.
- Since that time, the office has co-ordinated critical assistance to over 100 trafficked persons in the province – victims that have included foreign nationals as well as Canadian citizens.
- B.C. supports the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking currently under development by the federal government.

*Denotes the previous federal bill number, for reference.

BACKGROUND:

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