

Dickson, Brandy SG:EX

From: Scott, Douglas F SG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 31, 2012 10:35 AM
To: Dickson, Brandy SG:EX
Subject: FOI PSS-2012-00010

Hi Brandy

These are all of the emails relating to this FOI. There were no emails sent to anyone else.

Doug



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From: Bordua, Karine SSBC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2011 10:55 AM
To: Dickson, Brandy SG:EX
Subject: PSS-2011-01524

Brandy,

Here is the documents for PSS-2011-01524.
Let me know if this works with Doug

Thanks

Karine



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To: Scott, Douglas F SG:EX
Cc: Hawkins, Samuel SG:EX
Subject: New FOI Request: PSS-2011-01524 (Vet report/autopsies of fatalities Jan '10 - Sept '11)

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From: Brandy.Dickson@gov.bc.ca
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 12:48 PM
To: Dickson, Brandy SG:EX
Subject: PSS-2011-01524
Attachments: PSS-2011-01524.pdf

Dickson, Brandy SG:EX

From: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX
Sent: Friday, December 9, 2011 4:55 PM
To: Dickson, Brandy SG:EX
Subject: Branch status: PSS-2011-01524 - Sign-off

Hi Brandy, Tasha has reviewed this package and prepared an issue note for Lori's review. Just wondering how the branch sign off is coming along. Thank you, Kathy

From: Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 3:17 PM
To: Dickson, Brandy SG:EX
Cc: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX
Subject: FW: PSS-2011-01524 - Sign-off

Hi Brandy

Here is the revised package. When I spoke to Vicki about this one earlier she said only the sign off form would change (not the documents).

If you could please arrange for signatures and scan the approval page back to Kathy as soon as you are able.

Thank you

(I believe you received a cliff # from Angella)

Jeannie Hoskins
Executive Coordinator
Office of the Deputy Solicitor General
Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General

From: Bordua, Karine SSBC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 3:13 PM
To: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX
Cc: Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX
Subject: PSS-2011-01524 - Sign-off

Kathy,

Here is the new sign-off package for PSS-2011-01524 with the required changes.

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The due date is December 8, 2011. Brandy Dickson (GPEB) is expecting it.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sincerely,

Karine Bordua

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From: Scott, Douglas F SG:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2011 9:05 AM
To: Dickson, Brandy SG:EX
Subject: PSS-2011-01524 - Sign-off

Categories: Pay Attention



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From: Jones, Angella N SG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 12:38 PM
To: Dickson, Brandy SG:EX
Cc: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX
Subject: RE: PSS-2011-01524 - Sign-off

Hi Brandy, the cliff number is 474727.

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From: Hoskins, Jeannie SG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 12:31 PM
To: Jones, Angella N SG:EX
Cc: Cornett, Kathy M SG:EX; Dickson, Brandy SG:EX
Subject: FW: PSS-2011-01524 - Sign-off
Importance: High

Angella, can you please log this request, and refer to Brandy at Gaming.

Brandy, please obtain signatures from both Doug Scotts as soon as you can and scan the approval page back to Kathy.

Thank you.

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From: [Mendez, Gloria SG:EX](#)
To: [Scott, Douglas F SG:EX](#)
Subject: For urgent review: Hastings racehorse deaths IN
Date: Friday, December 9, 2011 10:46:43 AM
Importance: High

Hi again Doug,

PAB has expanded on our messaging and added some background to their issues note on that Horse Deaths FOI. Would you be able to confirm whether the note below factually correct, please? (Feel free to disregard the references to the Ministry of Agriculture – folks over there will take care of those)

Thanks in advance.

Gloria

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ISSUES NOTE

Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Date: Dec. 7, 2011

Minister Responsible: Hon. Shirley Bond **DRAFT**

Hastings Racetrack Horse Deaths

Suggested responses:

- The horse mortality rate at Hastings Racecourse is in line with industry averages. Across North America, there are on average 2 fatalities for every 1,000 horses that start a race.
- B.C.'s Rules of Thoroughbred and Standardbred Horse Racing set out very specific requirements with regard to the treatment of horses at racing facilities.

- In B.C., two veterinarians, including one contracted by the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, check horse health at the track before races.
- As well, owners provide veterinary services in the backstretch and on their farms.
- Horses that die or are euthanized at the track are subject to post-mortem examination by the Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Centre.

Background:

The Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch has received a request for "Veterinary medical reports and/or autopsies regarding all equine fatalities recorded at Hastings Racecourse in Vancouver including the names of the horses, their owners and trainers. Date range between January 1, 2010 and Sept. 13, 2011." The response package contains 20 post-mortem, final reports from the Ministry of Agriculture's Animal Health Centre, which conducts the autopsies. For privacy reasons, the names of the horses and owners are severed.

The records indicate causes of death included lameness due to leg injuries, ulcers and brain swelling; most horses examined had been euthanized or had died suddenly while in training or racing. Many reports specifically note the deceased horses were in "good body condition." While one report on an eight-year-old gelding notes its "moderate" body condition, with several digestive and major organ ailments and E. Coli in its tract, the report also makes clear the horse was under a veterinarian's care in the period leading up to its being euthanized.

In Canada, the Criminal Code prohibits anyone from wilfully causing animals to suffer, but provinces and territories have primary responsibility for protecting animals' welfare. Beyond B.C.'s Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, the Province has specific Rules of Thoroughbred and Standardbred Horse Racing. Under them, the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch licences racing officials, including the track veterinarian, and sets out many rules related to the treatment of horses at a track. Examples include:

- Section 617, which requires anyone in charge or care of a horse to "properly protect the horse and guard it against the administration of any drug which may affect the racing condition or performance of the horse in a race."
- Section 618, which makes a trainer responsible for the "care, health,

condition and safety of horses in his or her care,” and, “promptly reporting the death of any horse in his/her care... to the judges and/or the commission veterinarian.”

- Section 1000 requires veterinarians who treat a horse participating in a race must “maintain a daily record describing every treatment or medication...”

Examples of penalties in the Penalty Guidelines for Thoroughbred Horse Racing Licensee Violations include:

- A 10-day full suspension or \$1,500 fine for “Possession of needles/syringes on the grounds.”
- A 15-day full suspension if a horse is “steroid positive,” with the penalty doubling for a second violation within three years.
- A \$100 fine for a “First whipping violation.” (During a race, “whipping is limited to wrist action with minimal elbow and shoulder movement.”) This penalty doubles if there is a recurrence within three weeks.

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