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Sent:

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Attachments:

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From:

Wilkinson, MLA, Andrew < Andrew, Wilkinson, MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Sent: To: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 10:44 AM Bajwa, Raman AVED:EX; Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX

Subject:

FW: Interview. Student Housing

For your office.

Allie Blades

Constituency Assistant to Andrew Wilkinson, M.L.A. Vancouver Quilchena Telephone: 604 664-0748 5640 Dunbar Street Vancouver BC V6N 1W7

From: Alyssa Laube (mailto s.22 Sent: September 6, 2016 4:31 PM

To: Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew < Andrew, Wilkinson.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

Subject: Interview: Student Housing

Dear Mr. Wilkinson,

My name is Alyssa Laube and I'm a staff writer for <u>The Runner</u>, KPU's newspaper. I'm writing a story on the Alliance of BC Students' recent housing campaign and would like to interview you on the subject sometime this week. If possible, please get in touch before the weekend so that we can arrange a date and time for a phone call. I look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you, Alyssa



Alyssa Laube Staff Writer, The Runner Magazine 778-808-1400 | a_laube@runnermag.ca | www.runnermag.ca



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From: Minister, AVED AVED:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2016 12:03 PM

To: Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX; Sketchley, Rani AVED:EX

Subject: FW: Meeting Request - Student Housing

Attachments: WEB ABCS - White Paper on the Student Housing Crisis.pdf

Over to you for action.

Karen M. Kelly Communications Officer

for

Judy Johnstone

Manager, Business Services & Ministerial Correspondence

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Sent:

Monday, September 26, 2016 8:44 PM

To:

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Subject:

Re: FW: Meeting Request - Student Housing

Hi Cindy,

Sorry for the delay. We will bring the following attendees:

- myself, Alex McGowan, Chairperson of the ABCS and President at the Kwantlen Student Association;
- Patrick Meehan, ABCS White Paper Researcher and Organizer at Capilano Student Union
- Harsimran Malhi, Student Affairs Officer, Langara Student Union
- Melissa McGregor, Director of External Affairs, Simon Fraser Graduate Student Society

Best,

On Mon, Sep 26, 2016 at 4:08 PM, Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX < Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

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Cc: Bajwa, Raman AVED:EX; Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX; Clifford, Kate AVED:EX

Subject: ABCS Meeting Materials

Good morning,

Attached are materials next weeks' meetings with the Alliance of BC Students.

Materials for Minister Wilkinson

Minister Wilkinson Meeting Materials







Ministers mtg Student Union 2015-16 Tuition - with ABCS April ... Affiliation and ... Student Fees...

Thank you.

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Deputy Minister's Office
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2016 Information Note Advice to Minister

Date: March 24, 2016 Cliff #: 101995

Issue: Meeting with Alliance of BC Students Representatives.

Conclusion:

- The Alliance of BC Students (ABCS) is interested in maintaining ongoing communication with the Minister.
- The topics for discussion are largely the same as those raised previously.
- The ABCS is in Victoria from April 4-6, and expects to meet with a number of MLAs.

Background / Facts:

- The Minister previously met with representatives from the ABCS in July and December 2015.
- Student society affiliation with the ABCS has been in flux since 2015: the British Columbia
 Institute of Technology Student Association, Royal Roads University Student Association,
 University of the Fraser Valley Student Union Society, University of Victoria Student Society and
 Alma Mater Society of UBC have recently opted to work independently.
- Despite shifts in ABCS membership, the UBC Alma Mater Society, Simon Fraser Student Society, University of Victoria Student Society, and the SFU Graduate Student Society will join the ABCS for the meeting.
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 - Student financial assistance needs-based grants program and interest free student loans;
 - Mandatory fees, student fees and tuition costs increased core funding as well as tuition fees;
 - Student housing protections against unreasonable rate increases and enabling/ encouraging substantial new builds; and
 - o Sexual violence legislation.

Analysis

The following provides some general information in relation to the discussion topics:

Student Financial Assistance:

- B.C., Canada and New Brunswick charge prime plus 2.5% on student loans in repayment. A summary of student loan interest rates across Canada is included in Attachment 1.
- Government pays 100% of the interest on student loans while students are enrolled in full-time studies. Interest does not begin to accrue until one month after the study period ends. Borrowers are also provided with a non-payment period of six months after they complete their studies or are no longer enrolled.
- Eliminating interest entirely would cost provincial taxpayers an estimated \$35 million per year.
- Approximately 22,000 students annually have their loans reduced for studies successfully

- completed via the BC Completion Grant. Students with the highest debt loads benefit the most from the grant.
- Needs-based student financial assistance in B.C. includes a range of programs, including more than \$19 million in upfront grants and bursaries, that target underrepresented students such as former youth in care, students with disabilities, students from low-income families, and adults in basic education, ESL and adult special education programs.
- The BC Access Grant for Labour Market Priorities provides eligible students with up to \$16,400 in upfront grants and loan reduction when studying foundational trades programs. [Note: This includes up to \$5,400 in loan reduction].
- The BC Completion Grant for Graduates awards up to \$500 of loan reduction to graduates of programs that lead to employment in a targeted high-demand occupations.

Fees and Tuition:

- Government introduced the tuition limit policy in 2005 and since that time, tuition fee increases at public institutions have been limited to two percent per year.
- The tuition limit policy was extended to cover mandatory fees in 2007.
- Post-secondary institutions are expected to keep programs current. Updates to existing
 programs are considered part of this ongoing process and are expected to be achieved within the
 tuition limit policy, but it is recognized that, at times, substantial changes may be necessary.
- An existing program that is substantially revised may be submitted to the Ministry for determination as to whether the program is new for the purposes of the tuition limit policy.
- For new programs, Boards establish the tuition amount for the first year, and the two percent limit applies thereafter.
- New mandatory fees may be introduced for new services if there is a clear benefit to students.
- Proactive consultation and engagement with students, as well as early consultation with the Ministry, should be undertaken prior to Board review and approval of new fees.
- Boards are responsible for ensuring that these requirements have been met before approving new tuition or mandatory fee amounts.

Student Housing:

- Public post-secondary institutions are responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of student housing facilities on campus.
- Institutions may charge a rental rate for these facilities which may differ depending on several factors such as capacity, location and demand for on campus housing.
- Institutions continue to construct new student housing facilities as internal resources and capacity permit.
- Limiting the borrowing of all provincial entities, including post-secondary institutions, allows the province to maintain a high credit rating and low borrowing costs for the broad array of initiatives the province undertakes.
- The Ministry is aware that on campus student housing is an issue and continues to work with
 post-secondary institutions to ensure there is adequate access to housing on campus for
 students.
- The Ministry continues to work with institutions to find alternative ways to construct on campus housing without incurring debt.

Sexual Violence:

 Student safety is a priority for the Ministry of Advanced Education and post-secondary education institutions.

- On March 8, 2016, MLA Andrew Weaver introduced a private members bill (M205) which would require all public post-secondary institutions to develop and implement a sexual violence policy.
- On March 16, 2016, Premier Christy Clark announced government would introduce legislation as soon as possible requiring all public post-secondary institutions in British Columbia to establish and implement a sexual violence prevention and response policy.
- Government is working with MLA Weaver to enact Bill M205 or pass a similar bill as soon as
 possible.
- It is likely that Government will introduce the proposed legislation in the current legislative session (spring 2016).
- The proposed legislation will closely track the objectives set out in Bill M205 and the Ontario legislation on which it is based (Sexual Violence and Harassment Action Plan Act, 2016).
- The legislation will complement the work that the Ministry has been undertaking with postsecondary institutions to develop a framework to highlight best practices and provide guidance to institutions.

Attachment(s): Attachment1: Student Loan Interest Rates Across Canada

Contact: Claire Avison, Assistant Deputy Minister (250-217-9059)

Attachment 1

Student Loan Interest Rates Across Canada

Jurisdiction (high to low)	2015/16	2014/15	2013/14	Change
Canada	prime + 2.5%	prime + 2.5%	prime + 2.5%	0
British Columbia	prime + 2.5%	prime + 2.5%	prime + 2.5%	0
New Brunswick	prime + 2.5%	prime + 2.5%	prime + 2.5%	0
Ontario	prime + 1%	prime + 1%	prime + 1%	0
Nunavut	prime - 1%	prime + 1%	prime + 1%	0
Quebec	prime + 0.5%	prime + 0.5%	prime + 0.5%	0
Alberta	prime	Prime	prime	0
Saskatchewan	prime	Prime	prime	0
Northwest Territories (NWT)	no interest for graduates residing in NWT ¹	prime + 1%	prime + 1%	\
Manitoba	no interest on loans	Prime	prime	\
Nova Scotia	no interest on loans	no interest on loans	prime + 0.5%	0
Prince Edward Island	no interest on loans	no interest on loans	no interest on loans	0
Newfoundland and Labrador	non-repayable assistance	no interest on loans	no interest on loans	N/A
Yukon	non-repayable assistance	non-repayable assistance	non-repayable assistance	N/A

 $^{^{4}}$ For students residing outside of the NWT after completing their studies, the interest rate is 1% below prime.

B.C. Public Post-Secondary Institution Student Society Affiliation

	Institution	Student Union	Canadian Federation of Students BC	Alliance of BC Students	
1	British Columbia Institute of Technology	BCIT Student Association	No	None	
2	Camosun College	Camosun College Student Society	18,400		
3	Capilano University	Capilano Student Union		13,635	
4	College of New Caledonia	College of New Caledonia Students' Union	9,350		
5	College of the Rockies	College of the Rockies Students' Association	10,465		
6	Douglas College	Douglas Students' Union	24,015		
7	Emily Carr University of Art + Design	Emily Carr Students' Union	3,910		
8	Justice Institute of British Columbia	None	No	one	
9	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	KPU Student Association	Во	th*	
10	Langara College	Langara Students' Union		20,675	
11	Nicola Valley Institute of Technology	NVIT Student Society	No	one	
12	North Island College	North Island Students' Union	8,830		
13	Northern Lights College	Northern Lights College Student Association	No	None	
14	Northwest Community College	NWCC Students' Union	5,285	. "	
15	Okanagan Coffege	Okanagan College Students' Union	19,310		
16	Royal Roads University	Royal Roads University Student Association	No	ne	
17	Selkirk College	Selkirk College Students' Union	11,560		
18	Simon Fanor Hairwiste	SFU Student Society	None		
18	Simon Fraser University	SFU Graduate Student's Society			
19	Thompson Rivers University	Thompson Rivers University Students' Union	29,775	-	
	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	Alma Mater Society of UBC Vancouver	No	ne	
20	Iniversity of British Columbia	Graduate Student Society of UBC Vancouver		54,450	
		UBC Students' Union-Okanagan	Bat	:h**	
าสา	University of Northern British Columbia	Northern Undergraduate Students Society	None		
21	oniversity of Northern British Columbia	UNBC Graduate Students Society			
22	University of the Fraser Valley	UFV Student Union Society	None		
23	University of Victoria	University of Victoria Students' Society	None		
24	Vancouver Community College	Students' Union of Vancouver Community College	19,910		
25	Vancouver Island University	Vancouver Island University Students' Union	16,960		
		Totals***	177,770	88,760	

^{*} KPU Student Association - 19,645 affiliated with both CFS and ABCS

^{**} UBC Okanagan Students' Union - 8,880 affiliated with both CFS and ABCS

^{***} Source: Student Transitions Project, Fall 2014 Submission, 2013-14 headcount data. Data include international students.

Note: Students who attended more than one institution are included in the headcount of each institution they attended.

From:

Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX

Sent:

Thursday, September 22, 2016 2:43 PM

To:

'Alex McGowan'

Subject:

RE: FW: Meeting Request - Student Housing

Perfect – meeting confirmed for Monday Oct 3rd at 11:30 – could you please send me a list of attendees and I will send you the meeting location.

Cindy Flesh Administrative Coordinator to the Honourable Andrew Wilkinson Minister of Advanced Education 250-356-0179

From: Alex McGowan [mailto:chairperson@bcstudents.ca]

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 2:42 PM

To: Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX

Subject: Re: FW: Meeting Request - Student Housing

Hi Cindy,

That will work great for us. Thank you.

Best,

Alex McGowan

On Thu, Sep 22, 2016 at 2:36 PM, Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX < Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

Hello – wondering Monday Oct 3rd at 1130 at a DTVan location would work for you – thanks and please let me know if you have any questions.

Cindy Flesh

Administrative Coordinator to the

Honourable Andrew Wilkinson

Minister of Advanced Education

250-356-0179

From: Alex McGowan [mailto:chairperson@bcstudents.ca]

Sent: Thursday, September 8, 2016 11:53 AM

To: Minister, AVED AVED:EX

Subject: Meeting Request - Student Housing

Hello Minister Wilkinson,

On behalf of the Alliance of BC Students, I would like to request a meeting with you at your earliest convenience to discuss our student housing asks of the government. I have attached our White Paper on the Student Housing Crisis for reference.

Best regards,	
Alex McGowan	
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From: Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 9:07 AM

To: Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX; Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Subject: FW: Invitation: Student Housing Demonstration September 27th **Attachments:** WEB ABCS - White Paper on the Student Housing Crisis.pdf

Thoughts please and thanks

Cindy Flesh
Administrative Coordinator to the Honourable Andrew Wilkinson Minister of Advanced Education 250-356-0179

From: Minister, AVED AVED:EX

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 8:50 AM

To: Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX; Bajwa, Raman AVED:EX; Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Cc: Sketchley, Rani AVED:EX

Subject: FW: Invitation: Student Housing Demonstration September 27th

Over to you for action.

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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 8:31 AM

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Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 9:11 AM

To: Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX; Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

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Subject:

Meeting w Chair Person Alliance of British Columbia Students s.15

Location:

Start: End: Tue 2016-09-27 11:15 AM Tue 2016-09-27 11:45 AM

Show Time As:

Free

Recurrence:

(none)

Organizer:

MINCAL, AVED AVED:EX

Categories:

GOV

Alex McGowan, Patrick Meehan and Marissa LeSire

Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

From: Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2016 3:00 PM

To: Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX

Subject: Fwd: Media request - Runner Mag - Student Housing

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX" < Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca>

Date: September 7, 2016 at 2:52:22 PM PDT

To: "Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX" < "Bajwa, Raman AVED:EX"

<Raman.Bajwa@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: AVED Communications < AVEDCOM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca >, "Carroll, Sandra AVED: EX"

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Subject: Media request - Runner Mag - Student Housing

Let me know if the minister has time in his schedule to speak with the student reporter from KPU, or just a statement.

Minister request, Y/N: Yes

Topic: Student housing and the Alliance of BC Students campaign

Reporter / contact: Alyssa Laube

Media Outlet: The Runner (Student newspaper at KPU)

Phone Number: 778 808-1400

Email: a.laube@runnermag.ca

Deadline: This week

Date / Time Received Sept. 6, 430pm

Request:

The reporter is writing a story on the Alliance of BC Students' white paper.

She would like to interview the Minister on the subject sometime this week.

Recommended response: Interview or statement.

The statement below can be attributed to Advanced Education Minister Andrew Wilkinson:

"Rental markets in Vancouver and Victoria are very tight at the moment and that is driving rents higher and increasing demand for on-campus housing.

"Our government invests around \$5 million every day in direct, front-line post-secondary education. Public post-secondary institutions are mainly responsible for housing on campus or connecting students with services for off-campus housing.

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Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

From:

Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Sent:

Monday, September 19, 2016 10:32 AM

To:

Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX

Subject:

FW: FYI - Housing announcement today

Attachments:

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From: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 10:25 AM

To: Chaimers, Jennifer AVED:EX; Bajwa, Raman AVED:EX

Cc: Fougher, Trish GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: FYI - Housing announcement today

Student Housing

Through partnerships with post secondary institutions, construction of new student housing.

From: Harbord, Darren GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 10:23 AM

To: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Fougner, Trish GCPE:EX; Johnston, Karen GCPE:EX; Lauvaas, Kirsten GCPE:EX; Larabee, Shawn G GCPE:EX; Rhodes, Gillian GCPE:EX; Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX; Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX; Edwardson, Jamie GCPE:EX; McLachlin, Jessica GCPE:EX; Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX; Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Thistle-Walker, Carlene GCPE:EX; Filion, Corinna GCPE:EX; Anderson, Maryann SDSI:EX

Cc: Ash, Christine GCPE:EX; Platts, Robin GCPE:EX Subject: FYI - Housing announcement today

Hi all, the Premier will be announcing a \$500M investment to create 2,900 new units of affordable rental housing today at 2 p.m. (latest draft attached).

The housing will be created through a combination of construction and acquisition of properties from the private market. All projects will be identified and approved by March 2017.

The type of housing projects that will be funded are below – once projects are approved, we will loop you in on any that relate to your ministry.

Affordable Rental Projects

Purchase of existing units from the private market or in new developments for low-to moderate-income renters.

Specialty Housing

Purchase and construction of units that can be designed for high functioning adults with developmental disabilities and youth aging out of care (18+).

Rural Seniors Housing

Modular construction of affordable seniors' rental housing developments in rural areas of the province.

Non-Rural Seniors Housing

Purchase and construction of units for affordable senior's rental housing in non-rural areas of the province.

Student Housing

Through partnerships with post secondary institutions, construction of new student housing.

Youth Transition Housing

Purchase and renovation of homes across the province that can be repurposed into youth transition housing.

Aboriginal People

Through partnerships with the Aboriginal housing sector as well as First Nations, construction of new rental housing both on and off reserve.

Women and Children

Construction of new housing targeted to low-to moderate-income single women and children who are fleeing abuse.

Acquisitions

Strategic acquisitions of sites to protect the supply of affordable rental housing.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks

Darren Harbord

Government Communications and Public Engagement Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Responsible for Housing 250 952-0152 / 250 882-8518 (cell)



NEWS RELEASE

Not Approved Sept. 19, 2016 Office of the Premier
Ministry of Natural Gas Development and Responsible for
Housing

B.C. makes largest housing investment ever in province's history

BURNABY – The Government of B.C. is committing \$500 million to ensure more British Columbian families have access to affordable rental housing, the largest housing investment in a single year by any province in Canada.

A total of 2,900 rental units will be created, in partnership with non-profit societies, local governments, government agencies, community organizations and the private sector.

This is in addition to \$355 million announced earlier this year in February to create 2,000 additional new units of affordable rental housing throughout B.C., bringing the Province's total investment announced this year to \$855 million.

"This is another significant step towards helping more people find an affordable place to live," said Premier Christy Clark. "Thanks to our growing, diverse economy, we're able to make the largest affordable housing investment in one year by any province in Canadian history, and we will continue to work with community partners and all levels of government to keep putting British Columbians first."

A mix of new housing will be developed to meet the needs of a wide variety of people in communities throughout the province, including low-to moderate-income renters, seniors, youth, students, adults with developmental disabilities, Aboriginal people and women and children.

Funding for these projects will be provided from the government's newly-created Housing Priority Initiatives Special Account, and projects will include a combination of acquisition of existing units from the private market as well as new construction.

"We are taking meaningful steps to address housing affordability challenges in B.C.," said Rich Coleman, Minister of Natural Gas Development and Responsible for Housing. "The purchase of existing units from the private market helps provide an immediate housing solution while the construction of new housing will ensure that the developments are predesigned to meet the specific needs of individuals and families."

Funding allocations will be determined on a project specific basis. The Province has already identified several projects and announcements will be made upon approval in the coming months. All projects will be identified and approved by March 2017. Newly constructed housing will be completed over the next 24 to 36 months.

Today's announcement builds on the other housing affordability actions recently taken by the Province, including:

- Implementing a 15% additional property transfer tax that applies to foreign purchasers of residential real estate in Metro Vancouver;
- Strengthening consumer protection in B.C.'s real estate market through increased oversight and accountability of real estate licensees;
- Introducing a new luxury tax on properties that sell for more than \$2 million; and
- Introducing a Newly Built Homes exemption, which has helped nearly 5,500 families save an average of \$7,600 on their newly built homes.

The Province will continue to work on additional measures in the coming months to address housing affordability and supply challenges. These actions will align with our 6 Principles of Housing Affordability:

- 1. Ensuring the dream of home ownership remains within the reach of the middle class
- 2. Increasing housing supply
- 3. Smart transit expansion
- 4. Supporting first-time home buyers
- 5. Ensuring consumer protection
- Increasing rental supply

Learn More:

To learn more about the Province's actions on housing affordability, visit: http://housingaffordability.gov.bc.ca/

For information on housing affordability programs and services in B.C., visit: http://housingaffordability.gov.bc.ca/categories/housing-affordability-programs-and-services/

A backgrounder follows.

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BACKGROUNDER

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Projects to be funded from \$500 million investment

The Province will fund a wide range of affordable housing projects throughout B.C. Below are some examples of the types of housing that will be created.

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Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

From: Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2016 6:50 AM

To: Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX

Subject: Fwd: Issues note - student housing

Attachments: IN_AVED_Student_Housing_Sept20_930am.docx; ATT00001.htm

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX" < Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca>

Date: September 21, 2016 at 6:28:51 PM PDT

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Cc: "Fougner, Trish GCPE:EX" < Trish.Fougner@gov.bc.ca >, "Wolford, Jessica GCPE:EX" < Jessica.Wolford@gov.bc.ca >, "Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX" < Matt.Gordon@gov.bc.ca >, "Carroll,

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Subject: Issues note - student housing

Attached and below:

Advice and Recommended response:

- Getting into on-campus housing can be a challenge. Rental markets in Vancouver and Victoria are very tight and that is driving rents higher and increasing demand for on-campus housing.
- Public post-secondary institutions offer students services that connect them with available off-campus accommodations, such as off-campus housing registries and homestays.
- Some universities UBC, UVic, TRU and VIU guarantee all eligible first-year students an on-campus residence space.

If asked about allowing public post-secondaryinstitutions to accrue debt to build student residences:

- The Ministry of Advanced Education is exploring the best way to increase the number of student residences in a way that is sustainable and meets the best interests of students.
- This includes looking at different financing vehicles to encourage and allow universities to be part of that market housing phenomenon without the debt being put onto the B.C. government books.

If Asked About Funding Student Housing:

• The Ministry of Advanced Education does not typically fund student residences and campus housing is the responsibility of individual institutions.

• For example, UBC is investing \$451.5 million in new residence developments between 2015 and 2020. This includes \$127.5 million to build the new Orchard Commons that opens this fall.

If Asked About \$500M Provincial Housing Fund:

- Additional details will be announced in the coming months.
- BC Housing will evaluate project proposals submitted by local governments, non-profit societies and other potential partners.
- Projects will be selected based on their ability to provide affordable housing and their readiness to proceed.
- All projects will be identified and approved by March 2017.

Background Regarding the Issue:

Questions may be asked about the availability of on-campus housing for public post-secondary students in larger urban centres such as Vancouver and Greater Victoria.

The Ministry of Advanced Education does not typically fund student residences. Managing campus housing is the responsibility of individual institutions. Institutions self-fund student housing capital projects and operate the resulting facilities on a cost-recovery basis.

On Sept. 5, the Alliance of BC Students will launch a campaign calling for a provincial government investment of \$18 million per year over 10 years to accelerate the construction of on-campus housing.

The 2010 Speech from the Throne stated:

"Improvements will be launched in advanced education as well. Legislation will be introduced enabling our universities to remove themselves from the government reporting entity. We cannot let accounting policy stand in the way of our students' interests or hold our universities back from pursuing their unique areas of excellence in partnership with others."

On Sept. 19, Premier Christy Clark announced \$500 million to ensure more British Columbian families have access to affordable rental housing. The announcement included construction of new student housing through partnerships with post-secondary institutions.

Connecting students with housing:

The University of B.C., University of Victoria, Thompson Rivers University and Vancouver Island University guarantee eligible first year students on-campus housing.

Public post-secondary institutions offer students online information on how to look for rental accommodations in their region and offer services that link students to potential accommodation options. This includes:

- 1. On-campus residences: College of New Caledonia, Northern Lights College, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, Simon Fraser University, Northwest Community College, Okanagan College, Selkirk College, Thompson Rivers University, University of B.C., University of Victoria, University of Northern B.C., University of the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island University.
- 2. Off-campus housing registries: College of the Rockies, Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Selkirk College and Thompson Rivers University.

- 3. Homestays and peerstays: North Island College, Thompson Rivers University, University of the Fraser Valley, Vancouver Community College and Vancouver Island University.
- 4. Roommate registries: Royal Roads University.
- 5. <u>Places4Students.com</u>: The University of Victoria partners with this web resource that links students and landlords.
- 6. <u>Rentbc.com</u>: Douglas College, BCIT, Emily CarrUniversity of Art and Design, Langara College, Capilano University and the University of Northern B.C. partner with this web resource that lists rental opportunities near their campuses.

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Student financial assistance:

StudentAid BC funding includes a moderate standard of living allowance for: shelter, food, transportation and miscellaneous costs. The living allowance for B.C. students is higher than in all other provinces with the exception of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut in recognition of the higher-shelter costs in the province

ADVICE TO MINISTER

CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE

Ministry: Advanced Education

Date: Aug. 18, 2016 Update: Sept. 20, 2016

Minister Responsible: Hon. Andrew Wilkinson

Post-Secondary Student Housing

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- For example, UBC is investing \$451.5 million in new residence developments between 2015 and 2020. This includes \$127.5 million to build the new Orchard Commons that opens this fall.

IF ASKED ABOUT \$500M Provincial Housing Fund:

- Additional details will be announced in the coming months.
- BC Housing will evaluate project proposals submitted by local governments, non-profit societies and other potential partners.
- Projects will be selected based on their ability to provide affordable housing and their readiness to proceed.
- All projects will be identified and approved by March 2017.

BACKGROUND REGARDING THE ISSUE:

Questions may be asked about the availability of on-campus housing for public postsecondary students in larger urban centres such as Vancouver and Greater Victoria.

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On Sept. 5, the Alliance of BC Students will launch a campaign calling for a provincial government investment of \$18 million per year over 10 years to accelerate the construction of on-campus housing.

The 2010 Speech from the Throne stated:

"Improvements will be launched in advanced education as well. Legislation will be introduced enabling our universities to remove themselves from the government reporting entity. We cannot let accounting policy stand in the way of our students' interests or hold our universities back from pursuing their unique areas of excellence in partnership with others."

On Sept. 19, Premier Christy Clark announced \$500 million to ensure more British Columbian families have access to affordable rental housing. The announcement included construction of new student housing through partnerships with post-secondary institutions.

Connecting students with housing:

The University of B.C., University of Victoria, Thompson Rivers University and Vancouver Island University guarantee eligible first year students on-campus housing.

Public post-secondary institutions offer students online information on how to look for rental accommodations in their region and offer services that link students to potential accommodation options. This includes:

- On-campus residences: College of New Caledonia, Northern Lights College, Nicola Valley Institute of Technology, Simon Fraser University, Northwest Community College, Okanagan College, Selkirk College, Thompson Rivers University, University of B.C., University of Victoria, University of Northern B.C., University of the Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island University.
- 2. Off-campus housing registries: College of the Rockies, Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Selkirk College and Thompson Rivers University.
- Homestays and peerstays: North Island College, Thompson Rivers University, University of the Fraser Valley, Vancouver Community College and Vancouver Island University.
- 4. Roommate registries: Royal Roads University.
- 5. Places4Students.com: The University of Victoria partners with this web resource that links students and landlords.
- 6. Rentbc.com: Douglas College, BCIT, Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Langara College, Capilano University and the University of Northern B.C. partner with this web resource that lists rental opportunities near their campuses.

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Student financial assistance:

StudentAid BC funding includes a moderate standard of living allowance for: shelter, food, transportation and miscellaneous costs. The living allowance for B.C. students is higher than in all other provinces with the exception of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut in recognition of the higher-shelter costs in the province.

ADVICE TO MINISTER

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From: Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 9:11 AM

To: Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX; Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Subject: FW: Invitation: Student Housing Demonstration September 27th

Attachments: WEB ABCS - White Paper on the Student Housing Crisis.pdf

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Thoughts please and thanks – ps you are meeting with this group in Vancouver on Monday Oct 3rd

Cindy Flesh

Administrative Coordinator to the Honourable Andrew Wilkinson Minister of Advanced Education 250-356-0179

From: Minister, AVED AVED:EX

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 8:50 AM

To: Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX; Bajwa, Raman AVED:EX; Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Cc: Sketchley, Rani AVED:EX

Subject: FW: Invitation: Student Housing Demonstration September 27th

Over to you for action.

Judy Johnstone

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This message may contain information that is privileged and confidential. If you have received this message in error, please notify me immediately and delete the original transmission without making a copy.

From: Alex McGowan [mailto:chairperson@bcstudents.ca]

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 8:31 AM

Subject: Invitation: Student Housing Demonstration September 27th

Hello.

On Tuesday, September 27th, 2016, the Alliance of BC Students will be gathering on the lawn of the legislature to once again call for the provincial government to allow and empower universities and colleges to build student housing. I would like to invite you to join us at 1pm as we make a media announcement and take

photographs. We will set up dozens of boxes to look like student housing on the lawn of the legislature as a backdrop for our photographs and interviews.

I have attached the Alliance of BC Students' White Paper on the Student Housing Crisis, where we lay out the case for more affordable on-campus student housing.

Please let me know if there's anything I can do to help you support this cause. I can be reached at 778-241-0599 or at this email address.

Best regards,



Alex McGowan
Chairperson
Alliance of British Columbia Students
e 778-241-0599
www.bcstudents.ca

From:

Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX

Sent:

Monday, September 26, 2016 2:31 PM

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Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX FW: Minister's-Decision Note

Subject: Attachments:

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Cindy Flesh Administrative Coordinator to the Honourable Andrew Wilkinson Minister of Advanced Education 250-356-0179

From: Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 2:30 PM

To: Flesh, Cindy AVED:EX

Subject: FW: Minister's-Decision Note

Pls print for MAW and add to his ipad please.

From: Carroll, Sandra AVED:EX

Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 2:27 PM

To: Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX **Cc:** Meadows, Jennifer L AVED:EX **Subject:** Minister's-Decision Note

DRAFT as discussed today.

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From:

Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Sent:

Monday, September 5, 2016 11;18 AM

To:

Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EX

Cc: Subject: Bajwa, Raman AVED:EX Fwd: CBC Request

Rodney will pull a statement together. I will flip to you for approval when ready.

J

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Subject: Fwd: CBC Request

I've asked for deadline.

I'm hiking with kid.

I can pull a statement together based on the messaging in the issues note when I get to the parking lot of that works?

Rodney Porter Ministry of Advanced Education 250 889-7494

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Co: "Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX" < Rodney. <u>Porter@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: Re: CBC Request

Thanks so much!

On Mon, Sep 5, 2016 at 10:27 AM, Keenan, Jason GCPE:EX

<Jason.Keenan@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

You have the wrong Education Ministry. You want advanced Ed. I have coed their comms director Rodney.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2016, at 10:24 AM, BRENNA ROSE brenna.rose@cbc.ca wrote:

Hi Jason,

I sent an email to Craig as well, I'm not entire sure if one of you are working this holiday Monday.

We had the Alliance of BC students on the Early Edition this morning. The group released a white paper this morning saying provincial red tape is to blame for a lack of post-secondary student housing. It is calling on the rules around debt to be relaxed so Universities could build more on campus housing.

Would it be possible to get a statement response from the Minister?

Thanks,

Brenna Rose

From: Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EX

Sent: Monday, September 5, 2016 12:21 PM

To:Wilkinson, Andrew AVED:EXCc:Bajwa, Raman AVED:EX

Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Media request - CBC News - Student housing

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Sent: Monday, September 5, 2016 12:24 PM

To:Chalmers, Jennifer AVED:EXCo:Bajwa, Raman AVED:EX

Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL: Media request - CBC News - Student housing

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