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From: Baskerville, Shannon AEST:EX
Sent: December 9, 2020 2:53 PM
To: Francis, Darren IGRS:EX
Cc: Muir, Julie AEST:EX; Nichols, Alisha AEST:EX
Subject: Priority Mandate Initiatives - Student Housing
Attachments: a - AEST Student Housing - key commitment timeline.docx

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Preliminary Timeline for Key Ministry Commitments/Initiatives

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From: Baskerville, Shannon AEST:EX
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Cc: Nichols, Alisha AEST:EX; Muir, Julie AEST:EX
Subject: Template C: Student Housing
Attachments: c - AEST Student Housing - Key commitment scoping FINAL.docx

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Template – Early Scoping of Key Mandate Letter Deliverables

Ministry	Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training
Mandate letter commitment	“Continue to build 8,000 new student housing units as part of Homes for BC, our government's 10-year housing plan.”
What the initiative will achieve or what problem will be addressed	<p>In 2018, B.C. launched a housing strategy as part of the solution to British Columbia’s housing affordability crisis. <i>Homes for B.C.</i> provides a 30-point plan as a first step on the path to reaching government’s goal of a province where everyone has the secure, safe and affordable home they need. The strategy sets a target to create 114,000 affordable homes over 10 years.</p> <p>The student housing initiative will create 8,000 new student housing units as part of the <i>Homes for B.C.</i> strategy. Students attending British Columbia’s 25 public post-secondary institutions currently face a shortage of on-campus housing, making it difficult to find affordable accommodation. Many are forced to seek housing off campus, adding to the pressure on affordable housing and rental rates in local communities. The housing shortage contributes to student anxiety, adds to their cost of living, and risks distracting them from succeeding in their learning.</p> <p>In addition, this initiative supports several key government priorities including Indigenous reconciliation, Clean BC, child care and the Wood First Initiative.</p>

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From: Brewster, Kevin AEST:EX
To: Weiss, Cheryl AEST:EX
Subject: RE: ADVICE: Request for bullets on mandate commitment re: student housing
Date: January 19, 2021 2:50:06 PM

I'd say that Griffin's bullets on Affordable Student Housing would work just fine

From: Weiss, Cheryl AEST:EX <Cheryl.Weiss@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 19, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Brewster, Kevin AEST:EX <Kevin.Brewster@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: ADVICE: Request for bullets on mandate commitment re: student housing

Bringing the request here for easy reference

Our meeting note includes updates on each of the Minister's mandate letter commitments. I was hoping your division could provide a couple bullets on the commitment to build 8,000 new student housing units (I understand my colleagues in PSPP have already been in contact with you regarding some of the other items).

Griffin's bullets.

Affordable Student Housing

- Our government is delivering on its affordability promise by investing \$450 million in new on-campus student housing as part of Government's 30-Point Plan for housing affordability.
- As of Dec/20, approximately 5,500 new student housing beds have been initiated through government loans and grants or through post-secondary financing and partnerships. This includes 2,625 new beds at UBC's Vancouver and Okanagan campuses.
- Each new student housing project features housing options that are at or below local market rental rates.
- Student housing rates generally includes additional amenities such as high-speed internet access, utilities, 24-hour security and access to study/storage space. These amenities are generally not included in off-campus rental rates.

Leading Practices: Student Housing Agreements – Working Group

- In 2019, AEST partnered with representatives from student societies, First Nations, and public PSIs in ground-breaking meetings to develop leading practices in student housing agreements.
- A small Working Group was formed to draft recommendations that address the interests and responsibilities of both students and PSIs. The working group currently consists of the Alma Mater Society of UBC, Alliance of BC Students and BC Federation of Students, along with UBC, SFU, UVIC and CMTN.
- The leading practices work was paused due to the pandemic.
- A meeting has been planned for Jan 27/21 to restart the project. Once a draft is finalized, the Ministry anticipates consulting more broadly.

From: Brewster, Kevin AEST:EX <Kevin.Brewster@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 19, 2021 2:02 PM
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Subject: RE: ADVICE: Request for bullets on mandate commitment re: student housing

Can you send me Griffin's notes from earlier today

From: Weiss, Cheryl AEST:EX <Cheryl.Weiss@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 19, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Brewster, Kevin AEST:EX <Kevin.Brewster@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: ADVICE: Request for bullets on mandate commitment re: student housing

Kevin, request for additional bullets for the student housing. Do you have the answer – or go back to Griffin? Their deadline is to DMO on Jan 22 – thinking they need this by tomorrow for their approvals through their division.

Copied from email below.

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From: Douglas, Robert AEST:EX <Robert.Douglas@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 19, 2021 1:38 PM
To: Weiss, Cheryl AEST:EX <Cheryl.Weiss@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Request for bullets on mandate commitment re: student housing

Hi Cheryl,

As discussed, we are preparing materials for the Minister's upcoming call with the BC Association of Institutes and Universities (due to DMO Jan.22).

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Would it be possible to send us back a couple bullets tomorrow by noon (I apologize for the tight timelines)?

Thanks,
Rob

Rob Douglas

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