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Sent: 06/19/2023 22:26:04
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Hi there,

We are following up on the horrific child abuse case involving the two foster parents who were sentenced Friday in Chilliwack:

<https://globalnews.ca/video/9775419/sentencing-hearing-in-case-of-horrendous-child-abuse/>

We would like to interview the minister before 3pm today regarding accountability.

The evidence heard in court indicated the MCFD had not checked on the foster children for seven months – how is that possible and how often are children in foster care checked on by MCFD workers when there are care concerns? How often are children in foster care checked on by the MCFD when there are no known care concerns?

Why did these foster children fall through the cracks?

How easy is it for someone to become a foster parent in BC?

Does the province's foster parent qualification/assessment process need to be revised?

What changes will the ministry be making to ensure this type of foster child abuse never happens again?

Please let us know when the minister would be avail at the leg and/or for a Zoom interview.

Thank you,
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Sent: 06/19/2023 20:22:18
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Here's what reporter has come back with:

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Sarah and Tim – please see below.

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Yes agree we should send the statement now and do any necessary follow up after. Britt is away today and tomorrow, back Wednesday.

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Looping you in too Jesse. Britt's away today/tomo?

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I think we should send the statement and let her follow up with those additional questions.

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Hi both,

Just got the first request; send statement?

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Hi there,

We are following up on the horrific child abuse case involving the two foster parents who were sentenced Friday in Chilliwack:

<https://globalnews.ca/video/9775419/sentencing-hearing-in-case-of-horrendous-child-abuse/>

We would like to interview the minister before 3pm today regarding accountability.

The evidence heard in court indicated the MCFD had not checked on the foster children for seven months; how is that possible and how often are children in foster care checked on by MCFD workers when there are care concerns?

How often are children in foster care checked on by the MCFD when there are no known care concerns?
Why did these foster children fall through the cracks?
How easy is it for someone to become a foster parent in BC?
Does the province's foster parent qualification/assessment process need to be revised?
What changes will the ministry be making to ensure this type of foster child abuse never happens again?

Please let us know when the minister would be avail at the leg and/or for a Zoom interview.

Thank you,
Kristen

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Statement from Minister Mitzi Dean on the sentencing of two adults for their harm to children

“As Minister and a social worker I am horrified by what these children went through and I extend our deepest apologies and condolences to the family, friends and communities that have been impacted by this tragedy. Children must always be safe and supported by the adults in their lives and it is clear that these children were failed at every level. The Provincial Director of Child Welfare has assured me that changes have been fully implemented at the local office involved to ensure that ministry policies and practice for the protection of children are being followed and we will take all steps to prevent such a tragedy happening again.

Background from the Ministry

In an egregious situation such as this, it is important for the public to know that we acknowledge that these children were failed by the system.

In response, the Ministry conducted a thorough review of MCFD’s involvement with these children. While MCFD does have a robust set of practices and policies that should be followed in all cases to keep children safe, in the specific situation of these children, not all policies were followed. As a result of this review, the Ministry has made changes at the office that was involved to ensure that existing Ministry practices are followed. This includes actions to:

- Review all placement decisions for children placed outside their parental home to ensure the care providers have been assessed appropriately.
- Review the thorough and timely completion of child protection incidents with the involved staff.
- Ensure the involved staff would also receive training about guardianship responsibilities, including regular in-person, private meetings with children-in-care, updating Care Plans, completing cultural plans for Indigenous children-in-care, and ensuring children access appropriate medical care and support services.
- Review of the involved team’s cases would be completed, focusing on family service, child service and resource standards.

While we understand that these changes cannot reverse this tragedy, we want to affirm to the public that the changes outlined above have been fully implemented at the office that was involved in the circumstances for these children.

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