

ADVICE TO MINISTER

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| <p>CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE</p> <p>Ministry: Citizens' Services Date: July 11, 2019 Minister Responsible: Hon. Jinny Sims</p> | <p>PUBLIC ACCOUNTS 2018/19</p> <p>Government Transfers</p> |
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ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- It's important that British Columbians know how their tax dollars are spent — that's why, each year, government releases public accounts information.
- This includes salary, travel expenses and government fund transfers.
- Government is committed to ensuring that the total compensation paid is fair, that there is accountability for budget expenditures, and that there is transparency for the public.
- Making this information available to the public helps ensure that government remains accountable to taxpayers.

If asked about government transfers:

- As part of this ministry's budget, we transfer funds to meet ministry program commitments, such as expanding rural high-speed internet access through the Connecting British Columbia program.

BACKGROUND:

The Ministry of Finance releases public accounts information for all ministries annually, including information on salary and travel expenses, and government funds transfers. s.13

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Ministry transfers:

Ministry of Citizens' Services transfers of \$25,000 or more to payees totalled over \$21.4 million in fiscal 2018/19. The transfers were distributed as follows:

- \$20 million to Northern Development Initiative Trust, the second installment of a \$40-million expansion to the Connecting British Columbia program to support the expansion or improvement of high-speed internet connectivity in rural and remote B.C. communities.
- \$77 thousand to Xplornet Communications to expand broadband Internet connectivity throughout the province.
- \$495 thousand to the University of British Columbia (Population Data BC Program) to allow the ministry's data innovation program to provide safe access to data for academic researchers and government analysts.

Top 10 Minister's Travel

- Minister Jinny Sims ranked 12th.

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| CONROY, KATRINE | Minister of Children and Family Development | 79,314 |
| DONALDSON, DOUGLAS | Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development | 70,463 |
| HORGAN, JOHN | Premier | 69,122 |
| FRASER, SCOTT | Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | 53,682 |
| POPHAM, LANA GAYE | Minister of Agriculture | 42,380 |
| FARNWORTH, MICHAEL CECIL | Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General | 41,454 |
| TREVENA, CLAIRE | Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure | 41,432 |
| FLEMING, ROB | Minister of Education | 39,246 |
| RALSTON, BRUCE | Minister of Jobs, Trade, and Technology | 33,061 |
| MARK, MELANIE | Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training | 32,413 |

Top 10 Capital City Living Allowance for Minister's

- Minister Jinny Sims ranked 15th.

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| DONALDSON, DOUGLAS | | 24,010 |
| CHEN, KATRINA | | 21,485 |
| DARCY, JUDY | | 21,126 |
| CONROY, KATRINE | | 19,575 |
| MUNGALL, MICHELLE | | 18,501 |
| TREVENA, CLAIRE | | 17,878 |
| FRASER, SCOTT | | 17,471 |
| FARNWORTH, MICHAEL | | 17,087 |
| SIMPSON, SHANE | | 17,012 |
| HEYMAN, GEORGE | | 16,544 |

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Top 10 Deputy Minister and Associate Deputy Minister Salaries

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| WRIGHT, DONALD JAMES | Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service, Office of the Premier | 319,341 |
| BROWN, STEPHEN R | Ministry of Health | 301,915 |
| BASKERVILLE, SHANNON L | Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training | 301,584 |
| FYFE, RICHARD J | Deputy Attorney General, Ministry of Attorney General | 287,419 |
| MIHLAR, FAZIL | Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology | 286,003 |
| WANAMAKER, LORI M | Ministry of Finance | 282,189 |
| MAIN, GRANT M | Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure | 281,905 |
| CAUL, DOUGLAS D | Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation | 281,606 |
| DAWES, JACQUELINE R | | 279,171 |
| LLOYD, EVAN S | Government Communications and Public Engagement (until June 30th, 2019) | 272,858 |

Top 10 Deputy Minister's and Associate Deputy Minister's Travel

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| NIKOLEJSIN, DAVID J | Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources | 78,025 |
| MIHLAR, FAZIL | Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology | 51,254 |
| MACDONALD, DOUGLAS SCOTT | Ministry of Education | 48,910 |
| HUGHES, TREVOR | Ministry of Labour | 48,197 |
| PLECAS, BOBBI-LYNN | Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat, Office of the Premier | 43,393 |
| ZACHARIAS, MARK A | Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy | 41,839 |
| SHOEMAKER, WESLEY HOWARD | Ministry of Agriculture | 34,387 |
| FYFE, RICHARD J | Deputy Attorney General, Ministry of Attorney General | 30,373 |
| FEULGEN, SABINE C H | ADM, Corporate Services, Ministry of Health | 29,647 |
| WRIGHT, DONALD JAMES | Deputy Minister to the Premier, Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Public Service, Office of the Premier | 25,463 |