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Sent: December 30, 2022 1:49 PM
To: Perkins, Gary CITZ:EX
Subject: RE: Tim tok

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Excellent! I have been trying to channel my inner GP the last little while, I am glad it is paying off.

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Thanks all! Your speedy responses are much appreciated.
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Agree with Gary's edits and approach

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I reworded below statement as it was not factually correct.

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We are examining the risks associated with Tiktok and will take appropriate actions which may include adding it to the list of banned apps.

We are also collaborating with other jurisdiction on this work.

I recommend using the statement below unless you feel like we must be more detailed.

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Importance: High

Hi all – just received the following media request. Statement below for your review and approval.

Thank you,

Cassandra

Reporter

Jeremy Nuttall, Reporter

Toronto Star

Deadline to reporter: Thursday, December 8, 2022 3:30 PM

Request

Numerous states are banning Tik Tok from government devices. Has B.C. ever considered such a move?

Recommendation – provide short statement

Statement from Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services

"Government is paying close attention to the increased risk of cyberattacks globally. Government has a team dedicated to protecting systems from intrusions and security risks and our staff of experts have systems to protect our government networks that operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Government will continue to safeguard our systems and ensure we are taking proactive steps against cybersecurity threats. We collaborate closely with other jurisdictions on this important work."

Background

Texas, Maryland, South Dakota and Wisconsin have issued directives to ban Tik Tok from government devices, citing security concerns of the app's data-sharing practices with the Chinese government.