

Sharma, Rishi AVED:EX

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From: Black, Marc GCPE:EX  
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 9:38 AM  
To: Sharma, Rishi AVED:EX; Elder, Sarah AVED:EX  
Cc: Wiltier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
Subject: Media call - Province

Hi -- Province newspaper is looking to follow-up on their articles on private schools from Sunday and Monday and are requesting an interview with the minister.

Reporter is asking:

- Does government intend to do anything with the information that's come to light?
- How did an email that was sent to the Ministry end up with the organization/company?

Reporter is looking to hear back today.

Reporter: Cassidy Olivier, the Province  
Phone: 604-605-2028 or cell 778-887-9471  
Deadline: he's going home at 4:30 -- need to do well before that.

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From: Rongve, Ian AVED:EX  
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 7:08 AM  
To: Wenezenki-Yolland, Cheryl AVED:EX  
Subject: Re: Government investigating how private email ended up in hands of Eminata Group

Hi Cheryl

Do we know what email is being discussed?

Ian Rongve  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Sector Strategy and Quality Assurance  
Ministry of Advanced Education  
Cell s.15 and s.17

On 2012-03-13, at 6:59 AM, "Wenezenki-Yolland, Cheryl AVED:EX"  
<[Cheryl.WenezenkiYolland@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cheryl.WenezenkiYolland@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland  
Advanced Education

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Black, Marc GCPE:EX" <[Marc.Black@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Marc.Black@gov.bc.ca)>  
Date: 13 March, 2012 4:20:06 AM PDT  
To: "Sharma, Rishi AVED:EX" <[Rishi.Sharma@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rishi.Sharma@gov.bc.ca)>  
Cc: "Wenezenki-Yolland, Cheryl AVED:EX"  
<[Cheryl.WenezenkiYolland@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Cheryl.WenezenkiYolland@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Will followup later this morning to check via correspondence...

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To: Black, Marc GCPE:EX  
Cc: Wenezenki-Yolland, Cheryl AVED:EX  
Subject: Government investigating how private email ended up in hands of  
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Hey Marc - As requested during QP yesterday, do we know anything about  
complaints from India?...you said you were going to ask Tony...

Thanks,  
Rish

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From: Sharma, Rishi AVED:EX  
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To: Yamamoto, Naomi AVED:EX  
Cc: Mills, Shane PREM:EX; Sproule, Spencer PREM:EX; Halford, Trevor M  
PREM:EX; Elder, Sarah AVED:EX  
Subject: Government investigating how private email ended up in hands of  
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Suzanne is on it....

*Joe*

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It was a communication from GCP to staff with specific questions from the Province. Re an article they were preparing on the Eminata group. Which I understand was sent to staff to provide issue note responses. I understand the Ministers office staff also had the email.

I have asked Joe to have our CIO review this situation and provide me with a report on the incident.

Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland  
Advanced Education

On 2012-03-13, at 7:42 AM, "Loughran, Tony D AVED:EX" <[Tony.Loughran@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tony.Loughran@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

The complaints from India, as far as we know, came from the anonymous blog. It was in relation to a reference about a news story in India - the moderator of the forum had apparently forwarded some links to the blog to the High Commission in India.

We're not aware of any specific referrals from the Indian Commissioner relating to UCW or Eminata.

We have heard from the former CEO of UCW (Verna Magee-shepherd) that during her tenure at the university there were a couple of issues relating to issuing refunds to students in India (his concerned certain difficulties with the Indian banking system and the electronic transfer of funds), but they were eventually able to confirm that each student received the appropriate refunds.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Cc:** Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media call - Province

Ok...

Rishi Sharma  
Ministerial Assistant to the  
Honourable Naomi Yamamoto  
Minister of Advanced Education  
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From: Wenezenki-Yolland, Cheryl AVED:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 7:00 PM  
To: Foran, Grace E AVED:EX  
Cc: Black, Marc GCPE:EX  
Subject: Re: QP -- MNY received Q re: Eminata

Marc do you have a clip of the statement by MLA Bloy

Cheryl Yolland-Wenezenki

On 2012-03-14, at 4:06 PM, "Foran, Grace E AVED:EX" <[Grace.Foran@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Grace.Foran@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Here's the extract:

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**From:** Foran, Grace E AVED:EX  
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Will send you extract from Blues once published.

Grace Foran

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MLA apologizes for leaking information related to Province investigation - March 14, 2012 7:12 PM

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Subject: FYI - Media inquiry through Finance - Prov - stud loan defaults Van Career College and others

Hi there ... Cassidy Olivier, Van Province, has emailed Finance to get info on the number of, and dollar value of, government student loans in default attached to Vancouver Career College, University of Canada West, CDI College over the past three years.

Van Career College and CDI College default rates are posted here  
[http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/apply/default\\_rates.htm](http://www.aved.gov.bc.ca/studentaidbc/apply/default_rates.htm) ... SABC staff are looking into data for University of Canada West, which appears to have been pulled from the website when their Victoria campus closed. Will provide info up as soon as received.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 7:29 PM  
**To:** Wenezenki-Yolland, Cheryl AVED:EX  
**Subject:** FYI: Statement from MoS Bloy on Eminata Group

As discussed.

**From:** Ho, Cheekwan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012 3:52 PM  
**To:** 'collivier@theprovince.com'  
**Subject:** Statement from MoS Bloy on Eminata Group

Hi, Cassidy – below is a statement from Minister of State for Multiculturalism, Harry Bloy:

On February 20, I was made aware of a media request to the advanced education minister regarding the Eminata Group. I shared that information with the Eminata Group. Looking back on this, I now realize that it was an error in judgement and I apologize for that.

- Hon. Harry Bloy, Minister of State for Multiculturalism and MLA for Burnaby-Lougheed

Cheers,  
Cheekwan

Cheekwan Ho, BA & Dipl. Broadcast News | Government Communications and Public Engagement |  
Multiculturalism - Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation | P: 250 387-2934  
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Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 1:06 PM  
To: Wenezenki-Yolland, Cheryl AVED:EX  
Subject: RE: FYI: MLA apologizes for leaking information related to Province investigation

Cheryl, this excerpt from an article in today's Province newspaper identifies how the email got to Minister Harry Bloy's office:

*...Yamamoto told The Province that a senior staffer in her minister's office passed the email to Bloy. She said it's not unusual for MLAs to share information, but she said it was inappropriate that Bloy passed on the email to a third party.*

The investigation file has been closed.

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From: Wenezenki-Yolland, Cheryl AVED:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 11:16 PM  
To: Thompson, Joseph AVED:EX  
Subject: Fwd: FYI: MLA apologizes for leaking information related to Province investigation

Hi Joe,

I had mentioned this earlier. But please include in the concluding report who the senior staff person was that provided the email to Harry Bloy. I assume it was from the MO, but I don't know this for certain.

Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland  
Advanced Education

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Black, Marc GCPE:EX" <Marc.Black@gov.bc.ca>  
Date: 14 March, 2012 7:25:34 PM PDT  
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