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**From:** McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 10:40 AM  
**To:** MacInnis, Matthew JTI:EX; Mason, Clare GCPE:EX; Parhar, TJ S JTI:EX; Ehl, Cameron JTI:EX; Murry, Sean JTI:EX  
**Cc:** Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Heiman, Carolyn GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA REQUEST: Globe and Mail, Elaine Connor

Will call reporter...

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**From:** MacInnis, Matthew JTI:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 9:39 AM  
**To:** Mason, Clare GCPE:EX; Parhar, TJ S JTI:EX; Ehl, Cameron JTI:EX; Murry, Sean JTI:EX  
**Cc:** Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Heiman, Carolyn GCPE:EX; McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA REQUEST: Globe and Mail, Elaine Connor

Decline, Minister unavailable, hosting a day-long forum in his constituency.

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**From:** Mason, Clare GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 9:36 AM  
**To:** MacInnis, Matthew JTI:EX; Parhar, TJ S JTI:EX; Ehl, Cameron JTI:EX; Murry, Sean JTI:EX  
**Cc:** Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX; Heiman, Carolyn GCPE:EX; McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** MEDIA REQUEST: Globe and Mail, Elaine Connor

## **media request**

**Reporter / Outlet:** Elaine Connor, Globe and Mail

**Phone Number:** 604 605 2074

**Deadline: Today, 2:30 pm**

**Request:** Is this for the minister? Yes, reporter is seeking a quote/statement from MPB to add to their on-line story.

She is seeking comment on today's story about the Harper government not supporting divorce for non-Canadian same-sex couples who married here. A couple is seeking a divorce in Ontario and have been told that because gay marriage is not legal in their respective home countries, they are not legally married and therefore cannot get divorced in Canada.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/despite-legal-about-face-harper-has-no-intention-of-reopening-same-sex-marriage/article2299574/>

The reporter wants to know if we are concerned about the possible impact on gay/wedding tourism in B.C.

**Date & Time of Inquiry: Thursday Jan 12, 9:00 a.m.**

**Date & Time of Response:**

**Notes:**

**Have asked program for any stats on the number of tourists who come to B.C. for gay weddings. Given that this is before the courts in Ontario it may be too early to comment on any possible impact.**

**From:** Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX  
**To:** [sdhillon@globeandmail.com](mailto:sdhillon@globeandmail.com);  
**Subject:** Your request - Same-sex marriage  
**Date:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 6:56:57 PM

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Sunnv - sorry for the late arrival of this.

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Not Responsive . Here is a statement from her that you can use, if you'd like:

"As this is before the courts and is a matter of federal jurisdiction, it would be inappropriate for me to comment."

Thanks,

Jeff

**From:** Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX  
**To:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX;  
**Subject:** Re: Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages  
**Date:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 6:01:46 PM

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Thx - I think if anything, AG may now just say it's before the courts and inappropriate to comment.

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**From:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 05:59 PM  
**To:** Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages

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**From:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**To:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX;  
**cc:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX;  
**Subject:** RE: Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages  
**Date:** Friday, January 13, 2012 12:34:40 PM

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Thanks. We were being advised similarly and will send the same.

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**From:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 12:33 PM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages

We sent this, from the AG: "As this is before the courts and is a matter of federal jurisdiction, it would be inappropriate for me to comment."

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**From:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 12:25 PM  
**To:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages

What did you end up sending?

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**From:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 6:00 PM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages

I've passed that on. Thanks, Ryan.

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**From:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 5:33 PM  
**To:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages

Hi Linda,

We just spoke with our lawyers from the AG, S13, S14

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**Cc:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages

Ryan, we are suggesting the following response to Sunny Dhillon, Globe and Mail, who wants a comment as below. Any concerns from your end?

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**From:** Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 11:57 AM  
**To:** Tupper, Chris AG:EX; Eastwood, Doug AG:EX; Kerr, Carleen AG:EX  
**Cc:** Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX; Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages

Sunny Dhillon (604 631 6619, [sdhillon@globeandmail.com](mailto:sdhillon@globeandmail.com)) is wondering if the AG would like to comment on the federal Justice Department's position that thousands of same-sex couples who married in Canada since 2004 are not legally wed.

He had called the PO and they directed him to us.

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Thanks,

**Jeff Groot**

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## Former Toronto mayor decries Ottawa's 'sneaky' reversal on gay marriage

KIRK MAKIN — JUSTICE REPORTER

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## **Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX**

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**From:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2012 3:57 PM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX; Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: MEDIA REQUEST - Times-Colonist - Same-sex Marriages

Ryan, is the statement under suggested response correct to your knowledge?

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**From:** Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2012 3:56 PM  
**To:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: MEDIA REQUEST - Times-Colonist - Same-sex Marriages

Can you just have program reconfirm this is accurate?

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**From:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2012 03:24 PM  
**To:** Tupper, Chris AG:EX; Kerr, Carleen AG:EX; Eastwood, Doug AG:EX  
**Cc:** Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX; Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** MEDIA REQUEST - Times-Colonist - Same-sex Marriages

**Date/Time:** Jan. 30

**Deadline @** Today, by 4:30 p.m.

**Media/ Reporter:** Times-Colonist, Richard Watts, 250 995-4435

**Topic:** Same-sex marriages

**Background:** Reporter is asking when same-sex marriage was implemented in B.C. and if it was before Canada.

**Suggested Response:** On background:

"The federal Civil Marriage Act gave same-sex couples across Canada, including in B.C., the right to marry in 2005."

**Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX**

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**From:** Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 2:28 PM  
**To:** Massey, Christine HLTH:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Campbell, Corrie L HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX; Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Spearman, Mark VSA:EX  
**Subject:** Re : Marriage Certificate Applications

I'm fine with that statement..

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Massey, Christine HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 01:49 PM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Campbell, Corrie L HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX; Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: : Marriage Certificate Applications

I think this is fine but I've copied Jack Shewchuck to ensure that he has no concerns re: the Marriage Act.

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**From:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 12:42 PM  
**To:** Massey, Christine HLTH:EX; Campbell, Corrie L HLTH:EX; Beckett, Daryl K HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX; Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** : Marriage Certificate Applications

I don't know if this guy is really with the CBC, as he won't return our calls, but okay to provide the following? The AG sent that first sentence to Globe and Mail.

"As this is a matter of federal jurisdiction, it would be inappropriate for us to comment.

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**From:** VSADMIN, HLTH VSA:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 12:06 PM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Marriage Certificate Applications

For your response, thank you

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Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 12:42 PM  
To: VSADMIN, HLTH VSA:EX  
Subject: Marriage Certificate Applications

This message was sent to you from <http://www.vs.gov.bc.ca/admin/offices.html> using a Vital Statistics mailform.

name: The CBC assistant reporter Matthew Van Deventer  
address:  
city: Vancouver  
postal:  
telephone:  
email: [matthewjvandeventer@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewjvandeventer@hotmail.com)  
subject: Marriage Certificate Applications

Comment:

The CBC is looking for someone to talk to on the matter of international same-sex couples and marriage certificate applications.

If this country/province does not recognize an international couple's same sex marriage, that was preformed in Canada, then why are there no warnings listed on provincial government websites or on marriage certificate applications to advise gay international couples that are marrying in Canada?

What steps are in place to ensure same-sex marriages recognized even though their original home country/state (ie. Florida, England) does not recognize their same-sex union while in Canada/BC.

Thanks, Matthew Van Deventer

## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 9:54 AM  
**To:** 'matthewjvandeventer@hotmail.com'  
**Subject:** Your request on same-sex marriages  
**Attachments:** International same sex marriages in BC.xlsx

Hi Matthew,

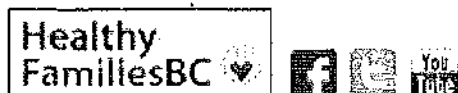
Please see the attached spread sheet regarding the number of international couples married in B.C. since 2003. As I mentioned, we do not have the data you requested on divorce rates.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Thanks,

*Kait Richardson*  
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**From:** Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 12:36 PM  
**To:** 'matthewjvandeventer@hotmail.com'  
**Subject:** Your request: same sex marriage information

Hi Matthew,

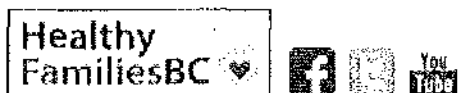
Vital Stats passed along your request looking for some info on same sex marriages. We're working on getting you some answers. Unfortunately we can't answer your question about same-sex divorce rates however, as we don't collect that data.

Could you please let me know what your deadline is? We'll do our best to get you the information you need.

Thanks very much,

*Kait Richardson*  
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Country of Residence	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Total
ARGENTINA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
AUSTRALIA	2	13	12	11	15	16	15	13	19	116
BAHAMAS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
BRAZIL	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
CAYMAN ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
CHILE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
CHINA	0	1	1	1	2	4	6	6	10	31
DIFFERENT COUNTRIES	0	4	3	2	3	5	4	5	1	27
ENGLAND	1	4	5	4	7	3	2	2	3	31
FRANCE	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	0	8
GERMANY	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	2	1	8
GUAM	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HOLLAND	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
HONG KONG	1	3	2	2	1	6	10	6	7	38
INDONESIA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
IRELAND	2	2	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	11
ISRAEL	0	1	0	0	2	3	3	3	2	14
ITALY	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	5
JAPAN	1	2	2	2	2	3	1	3	0	16
KOREA	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
LATVIA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
MALAYSIA	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
MEXICO	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	7
NETHERLANDS	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
NEW ZEALAND	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	6
NORWAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PANAMA	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
PHILIPPINES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
POLAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
PORTUGAL	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
PUERTO RICO	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
SCOTLAND	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	8
SINGAPORE	0	1	3	0	1	1	3	0	0	9
SOUTH AFRICA	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
SOUTH KOREA	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
SPAIN	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	3
SWEDEN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
SWITZERLAND	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	5
TAIWAN	0	0	0	3	0	1	2	4	1	11
THAILAND	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	5
UNITED ARAB EMIRATE	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
UNITED KINGDOM	1	3	2	8	6	5	1	4	1	31
USA	412	481	507	584	405	232	141	152	141	3,055
WALES	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	424	519	545	631	454	297	203	210	193	3,476

## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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From: Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX  
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 4:39 PM  
To: Jennings, Suzanne VSA:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
Cc: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
Subject: Re: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

Certainly :) Not a problem.

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From: Jennings, Suzanne VSA:EX  
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 04:34 PM  
To: Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
Cc: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

You're welcome Kait - but could you please use this breakdown by country, instead of the file from the previous email.  
We just made a slight correction on a USA/United States issue.  
Sorry for the confusion.

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Cc: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

Thank you Suzanne!

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From: Jennings, Suzanne VSA:EX  
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 4:23 PM

CC: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
Subject: FW: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

Attached please find the requested same-sex marriage counts:

1. Counts of same-sex marriages of international couples, broken out by country of residence.

(As discussed with Ryan, we considered an international couple to be where neither party listed their country of residence as being Canada. We grouped the small number of same-sex international couple marriages where the countries of residence were different for each party i.e. AUSTRALIA and GERMANY, under the category 'DIFFERENT COUNTRIES'.)

2. Total number of same-sex marriages, broken out by BC community

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From: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 4:18 PM  
To: Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX  
Cc: Jennings, Suzanne VSA:EX  
Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

Okay we are good to go...Suzanne sending soon.

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Vital Statistics Agency  
Health Sector IM/IT Division (HSIMT)  
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To: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX; Jennings, Suzanne VSA:EX  
Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

Excellent, thanks very much!

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Just doing quality check

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Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

Hi there,

Just wanted to check in and see how this is coming? We're hoping to get back to the reporter first thing tomorrow if at all possible.

Thanks,

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From: Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX



TO: Jennings, Suzanne VSA:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

Excellent, thank you!

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Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 1:18 PM  
To: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX; Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX  
Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

Sure - we will run counts for same-sex marriages by city after we've confirmed our first set of numbers.

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To: Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX  
Cc: Jennings, Suzanne VSA:EX  
Subject: Re: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage

Suzanne, can we break it down into a town, or local health area?

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 12, 2012, at 12:49 PM, "Richardson, Kait GCPE:EX" <Kait.Richardson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

> Hi Jack,

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> One of the reporters is also wondering how many same-sex marriages took place in her town specifically (Whistler). Is it possible to get a breakdown of same-sex marriage numbers by city as well?

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> Thanks,

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> Kait Richardson  
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> Cc: Spearman, Mark VSA:EX; Craven, Brenda VSA:EX; Jennings, Suzanne  
> VSA:EX; Kislock, Lindsay M HLTH:EX  
> Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage  
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> Thanks.  
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> Ryan Jabs  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
> Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2012 12:21 PM  
> To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
> Cc: Spearman, Mark VSA:EX; Craven, Brenda VSA:EX; Jennings, Suzanne  
> VSA:EX; Kislock, Lindsay M HLTH:EX  
> Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage  
>

> We think we can get the stats by the end of the day. They will go back the six years that we have been recording s-s marriages broken down by country. We cannot answer the divorce question as we don't keep those stats.  
>

> Jack Shewchuk CA  
> Chief Executive Officer  
> Vital Statistics Agency  
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> To: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
> Cc: Spearman, Mark VSA:EX; Craven, Brenda VSA:EX; Jennings, Suzanne

> Subject: RE: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage  
>  
> Hi Jack,  
>  
> We received another call looking for the same numbers.  
>  
> Ryan Jabs  
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> VSA:EX; Kislock, Lindsay M HLTH:EX  
> Subject: FW: SAR 25099 - Same Sex Marriage  
>  
> We will likely need to get them this info...this is either going to be a big story or a  
total non-story depending on response from PMO...will send you related news clipping.  
>  
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> Subject:  
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> using a Vital Statistics mailform.  
>  
> name: Matthew Van Deventer  
> organization: CBC  
> nature: Journalism  
> street:  
> city: Vancouver  
> province: BC  
> country: Canada  
> postal:  
> telephone:  
> email: matthewjvandeventer@hotmail.com Marriage Data Requested: Yes  
>  
> Comment:  
>  
> We are looking for statistics on Same-Sex Marriages on international  
> couples.  
>  
> How many international couples came to British Columbia to get  
> married in total and how many /year?  
>  
> Where is the majority of international couples from (ie. USA/UK/Spain)?  
>  
> What is the scope of international same sex marriage unions in B.C.  
>  
> What are the statistics of international couples divorcing from their  
> same sex marriage.  
>  
> Thank you.  
>  
>

## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 4:36 PM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages

Ryan, we are suggesting the following response to Sunny Dhillon, Globe and Mail, who wants a comment as below. Any concerns from your end?

The federal Civil Marriage Act gave same-sex couples across Canada, including in B.C., the right to marry in 2005.

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**From:** Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 11:57 AM  
**To:** Tupper, Chris AG:EX; Eastwood, Doug AG:EX; Kerr, Carleen AG:EX  
**Cc:** Townsend, Dave H GCPE:EX; Mueller, Linda GCPE:EX; Groot, Jeff GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Media request - Globe and Mail - same sex marriages

Sunny Dhillon (604 631 6619, [sdhillon@globeandmail.com](mailto:sdhillon@globeandmail.com)) is wondering if the AG would like to comment on the federal Justice Department's position that thousands of same-sex couples who married in Canada since 2004 are not legally wed.

He had called the PO and they directed him to us.

S13

Thanks,

**Jeff Groot**  
Communications Director, Ministry of Attorney General  
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## Former Toronto mayor decries Ottawa's 'sneaky' reversal on gay marriage

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## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** DeLuca, Lori GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 11:33 AM  
**To:** 'Bridget Antwi'  
**Subject:** RE: Your request re. marriage commissioners

Hi Bridget,

After the B.C. Court of Appeal made a ruling in 2003 allowing same sex marriages in the province of British Columbia, marriage commissioners were notified of their obligation to perform all marriages allowed by the Province. In 2004, B.C.'s Vital Statistics Agency began contacting marriage commissioners asking those who felt they couldn't perform same-sex marriages to resign their appointments – effective March 31, 2004.

A small number of marriage commissioners chose to resign their appointments at that time.

Thanks,  
Lori

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**From:** Bridget Antwi [<mailto:bantwi@crossroads.ca>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 15, 2011 10:01 AM  
**To:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Your request re. marriage commissioners

Hi Lori,

Thank you for your email and response.

Just so I'm sure, has the province of BC ever been faced with the issue of marriage commissioners refusing to marry same sex couples on the grounds of their religious beliefs? If so, what was the outcome?

Yours truly,

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**From:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX [<mailto:Lori.DeLuca@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** February 15, 2011 11:46 AM  
**To:** Bridget Antwi  
**Subject:** RE: Your request re. marriage commissioners

Morning Bridget,  
I don't have much more information than the response below.

Marriage commissioners perform marriages on behalf of the provincial government. As part of their terms of appointment, they agree not to discriminate and should be prepared to perform all marriages recognized by the Province.

Lori

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**From:** Bridget Antwi [<mailto:bantwi@crossroads.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 2:47 PM  
**To:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Your request re. marriage commissioners

Hi Lori,

Thank you for your quick response. I do have a few questions however. While I understand that a religious representative is not bound to perform same sex marriages, hypothetically speaking, if one of your marriage clerks was a practicing Christian, Muslim, Jew, Hindu etc. and felt that it was against their religious principles to perform a civil marriage for a same sex couple, would that clerk have the permission of the province to recuse themselves from performing that civil marriage on the grounds of their religion as found in the Charter?

Some jurisdictions permit their clerks/ commissioners to recuse themselves so long as it's stated in writing that they have religious objections to performing the ceremony and they recommend another clerk/commissioner who can perform the ceremony.

Does the province of British Columbia have any system, procedure or process in place to balance and accommodate the Charter rights of both same sex couples and the religious convictions of marriage clerks/commissioners?

Yours truly,

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**From:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX [<mailto:Lori.DeLuca@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** February 14, 2011 5:07 PM  
**To:** Bridget Antwi  
**Subject:** Your request re. marriage commissioners

Hi Bridget,

Here's a response from the Ministry of Health Service to your questions on marriage commissioners in B.C.:

**Marriage commissioners perform civil ceremonies on behalf of the government and are required to perform all marriages recognized by the Province.**

**According to their terms of appointment, marriage commissioners in B.C. must perform their duty in accordance with the *Human Rights Code* of British Columbia and must not discriminate.**

**A religious representative, however, is not bound by the same terms and conditions and may decline to perform ceremonies on religious grounds.**

Thanks. Let me know if you have any further questions.



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## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** DeLuca, Lori GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 4:27 PM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Media Inquiry: BC Marriage Commissioners

Bruce's responses below:

And the origin of the request: <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/saskatchewan-says-marriage-commissioners-must-wed-same-sex-couples/article1874896/>

A case before the Sask Court of Appeal about whether marriage commissioners had the right to refuse was deemed unconstitutional and would amount to discrimination because it would violate the equality rights of homosexuals.

Would you prefer a response similar to the first one or with more detail?

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**From:** Klette, Bruce VSA:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 4:12 PM  
**To:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry: BC Marriage Commissioners

1. She mentions that some jurisdictions allow commissioners to refuse to perform same sex marriages on the grounds of religious objections and they recommend another commissioner who can perform the ceremony. Do you happen to know which jurisdictions she's referring to?

No

2. I understand that marriage commissioners in BC can't discriminate based on any of the elements in the Human Rights Code of BC. Is this stemming from the 2003 B.C. Appeal Court decision allowing same sex marriage? Was sexual orientation added to the Human Rights Code of BC after the 2003 appeal court decision?

No, sexual orientation was added to the human rights code in 1992 according to <http://www.bchrcoalition.org/files/GroundsProtection.html>

3. Has there been any challenges recently from marriage commissioners to this? Or discussions about allowing marriage commissioners to discriminate based on religious convictions?

Not recently and no. Refusal to perform a marriage in contravention of the *Terms and Conditions of appointment* would be grounds for that appointment to be rescinded

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**From:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 3:33 PM  
**To:** Klette, Bruce VSA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry: BC Marriage Commissioners

Hi Bruce,

I've received additional questions from the reporter. I have a few questions for you:

4. She mentions that some jurisdictions allow commissioners to refuse to perform same sex marriages on the grounds of religious objections and they recommend another commissioner who can perform the ceremony. Do you happen to know which jurisdictions she's referring to?
5. I understand that marriage commissioners in BC can't discriminate based on any of the elements in the Human Rights Code of BC. Is this stemming from the 2003 B.C. Appeal Court decision allowing same sex marriage? Was sexual orientation added to the Human Rights Code of BC after the 2003 appeal court decision?
6. Has there been any challenges recently from marriage commissioners to this? Or discussions about allowing marriage commissioners to discriminate based on religious convictions?

Thanks.

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**From:** Klette, Bruce VSA:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 12:16 PM  
**To:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX  
**Cc:** McKnight, Elaine L HLTH:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX; Moyer, Roberta VSA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry: BC Marriage Commissioners

Lori, further to our phone conversation.

A private marriage commissioner may not decline to perform a same sex marriage. A religious representative however is not bound by the same terms and conditions and may decline to perform ceremonies on religious grounds. The BC Vital Statistics Agency has no say in what a religious body may decide is or is not part of their internal policy nor do we administer a religious representative in the same way we do a private marriage commissioner.

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**From:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 11:04 AM  
**To:** Klette, Bruce VSA:EX  
**Cc:** McKnight, Elaine L HLTH:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry: BC Marriage Commissioners

Is/Was there any truth to the reporter's claim that: BC marriage commissioners are permitted to decline performing same-sex marriages, as long as they refer the couple to commissioners who will perform the ceremony?

Thanks again.

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**From:** Klette, Bruce VSA:EX

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 10:51 AM

**To:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX

**Cc:** 'Vsoffice@gov.bc.ca'; McKnight, Elaine L HLTH:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX

**Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry: BC Marriage Commissioners

Lori,

Do you know the angle of this story? Is it a general piece or is it related to a particular marriage commissioner that declined to perform a same sex ceremony?

To answer your question, marriage commissioners are required to perform all ceremonies. Below is an extract from their terms and conditions of appointment.

1. The services of a Marriage Commissioner must not be limited or restricted on the basis of race, colour, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, sex, or sexual orientation as prohibited by the *Human Rights Code* of British Columbia.

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**From:** DeLuca, Lori PAB:EX

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 10:01 AM

**To:** Klette, Bruce VSA:EX

**Cc:** 'Vsoffice@gov.bc.ca'; McKnight, Elaine L HLTH:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX

**Subject:** FW: Media Inquiry: BC Marriage Commissioners

Morning Bruce,

We received a media request (below) about marriage commissioners performing same sex marriage. Is this response accurate?

**Marriage commissioners perform civil ceremonies on behalf of the government. They may not discriminate and they must be prepared to perform all marriages recognized by the Province.**

The reporter also asks: While doing some research, I read that BC marriage commissioners are permitted to decline performing same-sex marriages, as long as they refer the couple to commissioners who will perform the ceremony.  
**Can you confirm if this is the case?**

Thanks,  
Lori

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2011 08:47 AM  
**To:** Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX  
**Subject:** Media Inquiry: BC Marriage Commissioners

Hello,

My name is Bridget Antwi and I'm a reporter for a Christian, current-affairs, TV show, based in Ontario called "100 Huntley Street".

I'm currently working on a story about a recent case in Saskatchewan involving the rights of marriage commissioners with religious objections to recuse themselves from performing same-sex marriages.

I'm trying to find out if there are any provinces/cities who effectively balance the rights of same sex couples while at the same time accommodating the religious rights of their marriage commissioners/clerks.

While doing some research, I read that BC marriage commissioners are permitted to decline performing same-sex marriages, as long as they refer the couple to commissioners who will perform the ceremony. Can you confirm if this is still the case?

I'm interested in highlighting provinces or cities in my report who are effectively accommodating the Charter rights of various groups.

I'm working on a fairly tight deadline and would love to hear from you by Wednesday, February 16th. I can be reached via email or at 905-332-6400 ext. 3261 during regular business hours.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Yours truly,

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## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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From: Jennings, Suzanne VSA:EX  
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 11:08 AM  
To: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
Cc: Klette, Bruce VSA:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX; King, Amanda C VSA:EX  
Subject: RE: Latest statistics on same-sex marriages in B.C.

Hi Ryan,

There were  
24 same-sex marriages in Whistler in 2009  
21 same-sex marriages in Whistler in 2010

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To: Jennings, Suzanne VSA:EX  
Cc: Klette, Bruce VSA:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX; King, Amanda C VSA:EX  
Subject: FW: Latest statistics on same-sex marriages in B.C.

Hi Suzanne,

How's this request coming?

Thanks,

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From: Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX  
Sent: Friday, January 21, 2011 10:23 AM  
To: Klette, Bruce VSA:EX  
Subject: RE: Latest statistics on same-sex marriages in B.C.

Bruce,

How's this coming?

Thanks,

Ryan Jabs

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-----Original Message-----

From: Klette, Bruce VSA:EX  
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:44 PM  
To: Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX  
Subject: RE: Latest statistics on same-sex marriages in B.C.

No problem

Bruce Klette

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To: Klette, Bruce VSA:EX  
Cc: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX; McKnight, Elaine L HLTH:EX  
Subject: RE: Latest statistics on same-sex marriages in B.C.

Hi Bruce,

I pointed her to the online report, but she's looking for Whistler-specific data for 2010 if we have it or 2009 if not.

Is it possible to get this by Friday next week?

Thanks,

Ryan Jabs

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To: Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX

Cc: Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX; McKnight, Elaine L HLTH:EX  
Subject: FW: Latest statistics on same-sex marriages in B.C.

Ryan, here is another one.

I need a bit more time on this one, I have a number of issues going on today and people are going to start heading out the door soon. Monday if possible ?

Thanks

Bruce Klette

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From: VSHELP, HLTH VSA:EX

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 3:43 PM

To: Klette, Bruce VSA:EX

Subject: FW: Latest statistics on same-sex marriages in B.C.

Hi Bruce

This one looks like it may possibly be for PAB again????

Thanks

Cris Clark

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-----Original Message-----

From: VSADMIN, HLTH VSA:EX

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 3:08 PM

To: VSHELP, HLTH VSA:EX

Subject: FW: Latest statistics on same-sex marriages in B.C.

For you. Thanks



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-----Original Message-----

From: Claire Piech with Tourism Whistler [mailto:cpiech@tourismwhistler.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:23 PM

To: VSADMIN, HLTH VSA:EX

Subject: Latest statistics on same-sex marriages in B.C.

This message was sent to you from The Vital Statistics Web Site using the Vital Statistics Agency mailform.

Hi -

My name is Claire Piech, and I work as a Media Relations Coordinator for Tourism Whistler. The reason I am writing is I am putting together a backgrounder on GLBT tourism in Whistler, and I wanted to include a section on same-sex marriage.

I was wondering if someone at B.C. Vital Statistics could kindly confirm for me how many same-sex marriages there were in B.C. in 2010. I understand there were 14 in 2003 and 37 in 2007.

Thanks for your help. You can reach me at cpiech@tourismwhistler.com or 604 938 2790.

Best

Claire Piech

address:

city: Whistler

postal code:

telephone:

## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** Rintoul, Don B HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2009 3:58 PM  
**To:** Greenfield, Shae GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Murphy, Bernadette GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Same Sex Marriages



2008 Same Sex  
Marriage by Resi...

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**From:** Greenfield, Shae PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2009 3:06 PM  
**To:** Rintoul, Don B HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Cotton, Brian PAB:EX; MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Same Sex Marriages

Thanks, Don. Is there any way you can send that as an attachment?

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**From:** Rintoul, Don B HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2009 3:01 PM  
**To:** Greenfield, Shae PAB:EX  
**Cc:** Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Cotton, Brian PAB:EX; MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Same Sex Marriages

The 2008 annual report is yet to be published. However, Jack Shewchuk has approved the release of this excerpt. Fewer USA residents had their same-sex marriages solemnized in British Columbia in 2008 than in 2007. There were 191 male and 291 female residents of the USA whose same-sex marriages were solemnized here in BC in 2008. See attached snap shot from the up coming 2008 Annual report:  
<< OLE Object: Picture (Enhanced Metafile) >>

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**From:** Greenfield, Shae PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2009 1:52 PM  
**To:** Rintoul, Don B HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Same Sex Marriages

Cindy managed to find a copy of the 03-06 info, so it's just the 2008 info that we're waiting on.

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**From:** Rintoul, Don B HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2009 1:31 PM  
**To:** Greenfield, Shae PAB:EX  
**Cc:** Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Cotton, Brian PAB:EX; MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Same Sex Marriages

The information you are looking for is found in the Vital Statistics Annual Report section on marriages, the latest of which is found here:

<http://www.vs.gov.bc.ca/stats/annual/2007/pdf/marriages.pdf>

There were 325 male and 507 female residents of the United States whose same-sex marriages were solemnized in BC in 2007.

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**From:** Greenfield, Shae PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2009 1:25 PM  
**To:** Rintoul, Don B HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Cotton, Brian PAB:EX; MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** Same Sex Marriages

Don,

Per our discussion, can you please provide the stats on same-sex marriages performed in BC for American residents?

Thanks,

Shae

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**Shae A. Greenfield**  
*Public Affairs Officer, Ministry of Health Services*  
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# Vital Statistics Information Box

## USUAL RESIDENCE OF PERSONS MARRIED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IN 2008 SAME SEX MARRIAGES

Area	Province/State or Country	Males	Females
<b>Canada</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>437</b>
	British Columbia	395	406
	Alberta	9	18
	Ontario	4	8
	Nova Scotia	-	2
	Manitoba	1	2
	Quebec	-	1
<b>United States</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>291</b>
	Washington	35	52
	California	27	45
	Texas	16	40
	Colorado	13	12
	Florida	10	14
	New York	9	12
	Arizona	4	14
	Georgia	6	10
	Nevada	8	6
	Illinois	4	8
	Wisconsin	4	8
	Other	55	70
<b>Mexico, Central &amp; South America</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Europe</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>
	United Kingdom	5	14
	Other	13	7
<b>Asia &amp; Middle East</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>
	Hong Kong	3	11
	China	6	2
	Japan	4	2
	Israel	4	2
	Other	7	10
<b>Africa</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Oceania</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>
	Australia	13	21
	New Zealand	-	4
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>656</b>	<b>806</b>

## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 30, 2009 1:40 PM  
**To:** 'rdalton@vancouver.sun.com'  
**Subject:** Information you requested re: same sex marriage stats

Hi, Richard:

As discussed, here are the actual number of same sex marriages performed in B.C. over the past three years. You can attribute all this information to the B.C. Vital Statistics Agency.

2006: 1063 marriages  
2007: 862 marriages  
2008: 732 marriages

As we also discussed, attached are the breakdowns for 2006 and 2007 – 2006 (the excel file) is full of interesting info re: province or country of origin.

Please note, in the attached documents, vital stats is counting the number of individual people married; divide the total by two to get the number of marriages.

2006:



samesexmarriage  
2004by%.xls

2007:



Marriages.jpg

I hope this is helpful, and feel free to give me a call if you require anything further.

Cindy

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## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** Vincent, Wanda L VSA:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009 3:31 PM  
**To:** MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX  
**Cc:** Murphy, Bernadette GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Greenfield, Shae GCPE:EX; Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** Media request: same sex marriage numbers

Hi Cindy, Please see the attached document.



B C Same Sex  
Marriage.doc

If you require any further information, please let me know. Thanks

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**From:** MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009 2:56 PM  
**To:** Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Cc:** Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Cotton, Brian PAB:EX; Greenfield, Shae PAB:EX  
**Subject:** Media request: same sex marriage numbers  
**Importance:** High

What we require: Information: can you please send the 2008 same sex marriage numbers ASAP? Media is requesting the updated numbers.

By deadline: 4 pm today, please.

Others who will be asked to approve: N/A

Who this info is for: Media

Please return to: Cindy MacDougall and cc Bernadette Murphy

## British Columbia Same Sex Marriage Total for the Year 2008

There were 732 same-sex marriages in 2008.


## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 29, 2009 2:45 PM  
**To:** MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX; Murphy, Bernadette GCPE:EX; Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: MEDIA REQUEST: Hailey Mick - G&M - 416-585-5118 - DL 1:30 pm - Gay marriages

We could just send this again though they likely have 2008 numbers now

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**From:** MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 6, 2008 9:45 AM  
**To:** Belanger, Matthew PAB:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Beardow, Sean PAB:EX  
**Cc:** Stewart, Michelle PAB:EX; Porter, Rodney PAB:EX; Cotton, Brian PAB:EX; Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA REQUEST: Hailey Mick - G&M - 416-585-5118 - DL 1:30 pm - Gay marriages


I dealt with a similar media enquiry a few weeks ago. Vital statistics is not ready to release 2008 numbers; its practice is to release them when the year is ended.

I have the numbers and residency for same sex marriages from 2003 to 2007 in the attached documents; these are the ones we sent to the last reporter requesting same sex marriage stats. **MO, is it OK to release them again, to the G&M?**



Marriages.jpg    samesexmarriage  
2004by%.xls

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**From:** Belanger, Matthew PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 6, 2008 9:29 AM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX; Beardow, Sean PAB:EX  
**Cc:** Stewart, Michelle PAB:EX; Porter, Rodney PAB:EX; Cotton, Brian PAB:EX; MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX; Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX  
**Subject:** MEDIA REQUEST: Hailey Mick - G&M - 416-585-5118 - DL 1:30 pm - Gay marriages

**Reporter:** Hailey Mick

**Media Outlet:** G&M



**Deadline:** 1:30 pm

**Call Time:** 9:20 am

**Topic:** Gay marriages: Reporter would like to know what the number of gay marriages is in B.C. of California couples since May. Would like to compare this year's numbers to last year's. She's wondering if there was a decrease since California's permitted gay marriages starting in May and if we should be expecting increased numbers in the future as a result of the California vote on Tuesday.

## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** White, Marianne (CanWest News Service) [mwhite@canwest.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 3, 2009 3:11 PM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Your request - same sex marriages

Thanks a lot.

On 6/3/09 4:02 PM, "Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX" <[Ryan.Jabs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ryan.Jabs@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Marianne,

I just came across this information in a spreadsheet (although, you may have already compiled it). We've also got the numbers for 2007, broken down the couple's gender and by the couple's residency (provincial, state or country.)

The second is an excel spreadsheet of all same sex marriages from 2003 to 2006, broken down by the couple's residency.

Please note: these numbers are actual marriages performed and not marriage licences granted. The department of vital statistics tracks marriages performed, assuming almost everyone who applies for a marriage licence goes through with the wedding.

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Feel free to give me a call if you have any other questions.

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## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008 10:02 AM  
**To:** Neufeld, Laura R GCPE:EX; Murphy, Bernadette GCPE:EX; Beardow, Sean PAB:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Belanger, Matthew GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request: Eriko Roe (HK) -- 604-873-4675 -- DL ASAP -- Same Sex marriage licenses

We got these numbers in July 2008..., check with Brenda Craven /Jack Shewchuk, Bern\_

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**From:** Craven, Brenda VSA:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 8, 2008 3:26 PM  
**To:** Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** Same sex marriage totals

Event Yr	Count
2003	772
2004	1063
2005	1022
2006	1226
2007	862 <-- this is the count for this SAR
2008	301
Total:	5246

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**From:** Neufeld, Laura R PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2008 9:41 AM  
**To:** Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX; Beardow, Sean PAB:EX; Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX  
**Cc:** Belanger, Matthew PAB:EX; Stewart, Michelle PAB:EX  
**Subject:** Media Request: Eriko Roe (HK) -- 604-873-4675 -- DL ASAP -- Same Sex marriage licenses

Not too sure about this one...

**Reporter:** Eriko Roe

**Media Outlet:** HK (?)

**Phone Number:** 604-873-4675

**Deadline:** as soon as possible (she didn't have a specific time)

**Call Time:** 9:35 am

**Topic:** Looking for numbers on marriage licenses for same sex marriage -- specifically those from out of province residents.

I told her that I wasn't sure that this was the number to call (she had initially called vital stats and they referred her to us), but that I would look into it and get back to her.



## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** Murphy, Bernadette GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008 10:23 AM  
**To:** hlth Ministerial and Executive Assistants  
**Cc:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Belanger, Matthew GCPE:EX; Beardow, Sean PAB:EX; Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX; Stewart, Michelle GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Response to media request: same sex marriage stats

Hi

Would like to provide these stats to reporter re same sex marriage...

Thanks,  
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**From:** MacDougall, Cindy PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 29, 2008 9:49 AM  
**To:** Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX  
**Subject:** Response to media request: same sex marriage stats

Hi, Bernadette,

Please find attached two documents; the first is a table of all same sex marriages performed in 2007, broken down the couple's gender and by the couple's residency (provincial, state or country.)

The second is an excel spreadsheet of all same sex marragies from 2003 to 2006, broken down by the couple's residency.

Please note: these numbers are actual marriages performed and not marriage licences granted. Vital stats tracks marriages performed, assuming almost everyone who applies for a marriage licence goes through with the wedding.

Vital stats prefers not to release the numbers for 2008, since the year is not yer finished and the numbers are not yet complete.



Marriages.jpg



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**Reporter:** Eriko Roe

**Media outlet:** NHK (Japanese Broadcasting Corporation)

**Phone number:** 604-873-4675

**Deadline:** "a couple of days" ie. today or tomorrow

**Call time:** 9:35 am Tuesday, Oct. 28

**Topic:** Looking for numbers of marriage licences for same sex marriage -- specifically those from out of province residents.

Cheers!

Cindy MacDougall  
Public Affairs Officer  
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## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** Mari Miyachi [miyachim@parkcity.ne.jp]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 24, 2008 8:47 AM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Same sex certificate request

Ryan,

Thank you so much!

regards,  
mm

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX  
**To:** Mari Miyachi  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 25, 2008 12:23 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Same sex certificate request

Hi Mari,

Please find a scanned image of the marriage certificate attached.

Let me know if there's anything else I can do.

Take care,

Ryan Jabs  
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[Ryan.Jabs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Ryan.Jabs@gov.bc.ca)

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**From:** Mari Miyachi [<mailto:miyachim@parkcity.ne.jp>]  
**Sent:** September 23, 2008 8:20 PM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Same sex certificate request

Ryan,

Is the certificate ready yet?

Thanks.

Mari Miyachi

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX  
**To:** Mari Miyachi  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008 1:27 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Same sex certificate request

We'll pull one together for you. It'll take a few days to a week to get it sorted, but once I receive it, I'll pass it over.

GCP-2012-00033

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**From:** Mari Miyachi [<mailto:miyachim@parkcity.ne.jp>]  
**Sent:** September 16, 2008 8:52 AM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Same sex certificate request

Ryan,

Thank you for the mail.

Person 1 & 2 is just fine. It does not have to be an official certificate.

kind regards,  
mari miyachi

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX  
**To:** [miyachim@parkcity.ne.jp](mailto:miyachim@parkcity.ne.jp)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 16, 2008 3:37 AM  
**Subject:** Same sex certificate request

Good morning Marie,

I work with the Ministry of Health Services communication department, and I received your request for a same-sex marriage certificate from Enquiry BC.

It may be possible to produce a same-sex certificate -- however, it will have to be entirely fictitious, and it won't include real names. Instead, it will have "Person 1" and "Person 2" on it.

We'll also only be able to provide a scan of a certificate -- not an official one.

Please give me a call if you'd like me to pull one together.

Thanks,

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> -----Original Message-----

> **From:** <[miyachim@parkcity.ne.jp](mailto:miyachim@parkcity.ne.jp)>  
> **Sent:** Sep 12, 2008 6:40:05 AM PDT  
> **To:** "[EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca)" <[EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca)>

>  
> To whom it may concern,

>  
> I am a researcher working for NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corp.).

> Currently we are producing a documentary program on LGBT.  
> In the program we want to introduce system of the same-sex marriage  
> and will introduce a Japanese couple who will go BC to get the  
> certificate. For that purpose we would like to show the certificates  
> which show "Female-Female" or "Male-Male" on the sex column.  
>  
> I wonder if you could provide us such certificates. Specimen is just fine.  
>  
> The program is scheduled on October 1, and we need to get the copy by  
> the 26th.  
> I will appreciate it if you help us enlighten the rights of LGBT in Japan.  
>  
> Yours Respectfully,  
>  
> Mari Miyachi  
> Researcher  
> "Heart to Heart" project  
> NHK  
> 2-2-1 Jinnan, Shibuya Tokyo 150-8001  
> Japan  
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**Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX**

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**From:** Craven, Brenda VSA:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 11:17 AM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Subject:** RE: MEDIA REQUEST: Japanese Broadcasting Corp - Same Sex Marriage Certificate Sample

Ryan. I will arrange to have a 'specimen' scanned and e-mailed over to you today.

Brenda Craven  
Manager, Business Operations  
Vital Statistics Agency

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Jabs, Ryan PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 23, 2008 10:54 AM  
**To:** Shewchuk, Jack VSA:EX  
**Cc:** Craven, Brenda VSA:EX  
**Subject:** MEDIA REQUEST: Japanese Broadcasting Corp - Same Sex Marriage Certificate Sample

Good morning Jack:

We received the request below for a same sex marriage certificate specimen, showing Male-Male or Female-Female.

They don't need an official certificate -- a scanned image is fine -- as they're only showing it briefly on their program.

Adding "Person 1" and "Person 2" is sufficient, where the name would normally be.

They would like the sample by September 26, 2008.

Thanks,

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> Japan  
>  
>  
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**Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX**

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**From:** Murphy, Bernadette GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 15, 2008 11:00 AM  
**To:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: REQUEST FROM JAPANESE TELEVISION

Ryan, would you please look into this?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Porter, Rodney PAB:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 15, 2008 10:52 AM  
**To:** Moyer, Roberta VSA:EX  
**Cc:** Murphy, Bernadette PAB:EX; Stewart, Michelle PAB:EX  
**Subject:** RE: REQUEST FROM JAPANESE TELEVISION

Hi Roberta;

We have a new media relations manager now! Her name is Bernadette Murphy and I am copying her on this email.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Moyer, Roberta VSA:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, September 15, 2008 10:48 AM  
**To:** Porter, Rodney PAB:EX  
**Subject:** FW: REQUEST FROM JAPANESE TELEVISION

Hi Rodney,

Are you still our contact for media requests ? If so, might I pass this one to you.

Thanks

Roberta Moyer  
Regional Manager  
Vital Statistics Agency

-----Original Message-----

**From:** VSADMIN, HLTH VSA:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, September 12, 2008 3:06 PM  
**To:** Moyer, Roberta VSA:EX  
**Subject:** FW: REQUEST FROM JAPANESE TELEVISION

Roberta:

The sample certs on our website are for "male" and "female".. Who should this note be forwarded to for response? Is it our PAB contact at RBB?

Sandy

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From: [enquirybc@gov.bc.ca](mailto:enquirybc@gov.bc.ca) [mailto:[enquirybc@gov.bc.ca](mailto:enquirybc@gov.bc.ca)]  
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2008 11:43 AM  
To: VSADMIN, HLTH VSA:EX  
Subject: REQUEST FROM JAPANESE TELEVISION

Please include the following line in all replies.  
Tracking number: 20080912\_0000000019

We are forwarding the following e-mail for your attention. Please respond to the original sender. Thank you.

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SERVICE BC CALL CENTRE

Hours of Operation: 7:30am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, except on statutory holidays.  
In Vancouver (604) 660-2421  
In Victoria (250) 387-6121  
Elsewhere in BC 1-(800) 663-7867 (toll free)

> -----Original Message-----

> From: <[miyachin@parkcity.ne.jp](mailto:miyachin@parkcity.ne.jp)>  
> Sent: Sep 12, 2008 6:40:05 AM PDT  
> To: "[EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca)" <[EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca](mailto:EnquiryBC@gov.bc.ca)>

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> To whom it may concern,

>

> I am a researcher working for NHK (Japan Broadcasting Corp.).

> Currently we are producing a documentary program on LGBT.

> In the program we want to introduce system of the same-sex marriage

> and will introduce a Japanese couple who will go BC to get the

> certificate. For that purpose we would like to show the certificates

> which show "Female-Female" or "Male-Male" on the sex column.

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> I wonder if you could provide us such certificates. Specimen is just fine.

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> The program is scheduled on October 1, and we need to get the copy by

> the 26th.

> I will appreciate it if you help us enlighten the rights of LGBT in Japan.

>

> Yours Respectfully,

>

> Mari Miyachi

> Researcher

> "Heart to Heart" project

> NHK

> 2-2-1 Jinnan, Shibuya Tokyo 150-8001

> Japan

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## Begley, Rhianna GCPE:EX

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**From:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 8, 2008 12:41 PM  
**To:** Armour, Rosemary HLTH:EX  
**Cc:** Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX; May, Stephen PAB:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Statistical Information for same sex marriages

Thanks Rosemary....

Teresa from CBC is on our radar. We're on it with Brenda pulling together the stats for us.

Rodney Porter  
Communications Manager  
Ministry of Health Services, B.C.  
T: 250 952-1644  
C: 250 889-7494  
[rodney.porter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:rodney.porter@gov.bc.ca)

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**From:** Armour, Rosemary HLTH:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 8, 2008 12:38 PM  
**To:** Porter, Rodney PAB:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Statistical Information for same sex marriages  
**Importance:** High

Hi  
I received what appears to be a media request from the CBC - see below  
I sent it to Ryan Jabs a few minutes ago but haven't heard back from him yet  
As this looks like it could be a time-sensitive request, I am also passing it along to you  
Thanks -

~~~~~  
Regards  
Rosemary Armour  
DARS  
Health Sector IM / IT Division  
Ministry of Health Services  
Pillar G4 - 7th floor  
1515 Blanshard St. Victoria BC, V8W 3C8  
Phone: 250-952-2558  
[Mailto:Rosemary.Armour@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rosemary.Armour@gov.bc.ca)

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**From:** Greenman, Linda VSA:EX  
**Sent:** July 8, 2008 12:09 PM  
**To:** Armour, Rosemary HLTH:EX  
**Subject:** Statistical Information

Hi Rosemary

Received a call from Teresa Tang. She want to know how many gay and lesbian marriages have occurred in BC since July 8 2003.

Her number is 604-790-9296 and her email address is [Teresa.tang@cbc.ca](mailto:Teresa.tang@cbc.ca) (she would prefer a phone call if possible).

Thanks

Linda Greenman



**BC VITAL STATISTICS AGENCY**  
**SAME SEX MARRIAGES**  
**Personal residence Statistics for the year 2006**

| Personal Residence        | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Totals                 |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|
| <b>CANADIAN</b>           |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                        |
| Alberta                   |     | 4   | 2   | 2   | 2   |     | 2   | 4   | 6   | 1   |     |     | 23                     |
| British Columbia          | 141 | 64  | 64  | 86  | 88  | 91  | 111 | 148 | 141 | 48  | 56  | 58  | 1096                   |
| New Brunswick             |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2                      |
| Newfoundland and Labrador |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0                      |
| Manitoba                  |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2                      |
| Northwest Territories     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     |     | 1                      |
| Nova Scotia               |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     | 2                      |
| Nunavut                   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0                      |
| Ontario                   |     | 2   | 2   |     |     |     | 1   | 6   |     | 2   |     |     | 13                     |
| Prince Edward Island      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     | 1                      |
| Quebec                    |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0                      |
| Saskatchewan              |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 1   |     |     |     |     | 1                      |
| Yukon                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0                      |
|                           | 141 | 70  | 68  | 92  | 90  | 91  | 117 | 159 | 147 | 51  | 57  | 58  | Canadian Subtotal 1141 |
| <b>USA</b>                |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |                        |
| Alabama                   |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2                      |
| Alaska                    |     |     | 2   | 4   | 3   |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     | 11                     |
| Arizona                   | 2   | 2   | 2   |     | 4   | 8   | 6   | 12  | 6   | 4   | 2   |     | 48                     |
| Arkansas                  |     |     |     |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2                      |
| California                | 4   | 8   | 12  | 25  | 18  | 32  | 66  | 23  | 33  | 14  | 4   |     | 239                    |
| Colorado                  |     |     |     |     | 8   | 8   | 8   | 2   | 44  |     |     |     | 70                     |
| Connecticut               |     | 2   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2   | 4                      |
| Delaware                  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 0                      |
| District of Columbia      |     | 4   |     |     |     | 2   | 2   | 2   |     |     | 1   |     | 11                     |
| Florida                   |     | 2   | 2   | 4   | 4   | 16  | 10  | 3   | 2   |     | 2   | 2   | 47                     |
| Georgia                   |     |     | 8   | 4   | 10  | 2   | 8   | 3   |     | 2   | 2   |     | 39                     |
| Hawaii                    |     |     | 2   |     | 2   | 4   | 2   | 4   | 2   | 2   |     |     | 18                     |
| Idaho                     |     |     | 2   |     |     | 2   | 2   | 2   | 6   | 4   | 2   |     | 20                     |
| Illinois                  |     |     | 2   |     |     | 6   | 7   | 4   | 2   |     |     |     | 21                     |
| Indiana                   |     |     |     |     |     | 2   | 2   |     |     |     |     |     | 4                      |
| Iowa                      |     |     |     |     |     |     | 4   |     |     |     |     |     | 4                      |





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| China          |   |   |   | 1 |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| England        |   |   |   | 2 | 2 |   |   | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 |
| France         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Germany        |   |   | 1 |   | 2 |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| Holland        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Hong Kong      | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| Indonesia      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Ireland        |   |   |   |   | 2 |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Israel         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Japan          |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |   | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| Mexico         |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| New Zealand    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Philippines    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Scotland       |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Singapore      |   |   |   |   |   | 1 |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| South Africa   | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Switzerland    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Taiwan         |   | 1 |   |   | 2 | 2 | 2 |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 5 |
| United Kingdom |   |   |   | 2 | 1 |   |   | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 |

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| Totals | 176 | 112 | 126 | 170 | 218 | 266 | 393 | 214 | 242 | 77 | 70 | 62 | 0 | Total |
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|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-------|-----|-----|------|----|----|------|
| # of Marriages | 88 | 56 | 63 | 85 | 109 | 133 | 196.5 | 107 | 121 | 38.5 | 35 | 31 | 1063 |
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| Individuals %     |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |  |      |
| Canadian Subtotal | 80%  | 63%  | 54%  | 54%  | 41%  | 34%  | 30%  | 74%  | 61%  | 66%  | 81%  | 94%  |  | 54%  |
| USA Subtotal      | 16%  | 35%  | 45%  | 42%  | 55%  | 64%  | 66%  | 26%  | 39%  | 34%  | 19%  | 6%   |  | 44%  |
| Other Subtotal    | 3%   | 3%   | 1%   | 4%   | 4%   | 2%   | 5%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   | 0%   |  | 2%   |
|                   | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |  | 100% |

## Vital Statistics Information Box

### USUAL RESIDENCE OF PERSONS MARRIED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IN 2007

#### SAME SEX MARRIAGES

| Area                          | Province/State or Country | Males      | Females    |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>Canada</b>                 | <b>Total</b>              | <b>359</b> | <b>435</b> |
|                               | British Columbia          | 349        | 406        |
|                               | Alberta                   | 4          | 16         |
|                               | Ontario                   | 2          | 7          |
|                               | Nova Scotia               | 2          | 2          |
|                               | Manitoba                  | -          | 2          |
|                               | Northwest Territories     | 2          | -          |
|                               | Quebec                    | -          | 2          |
| <b>United States</b>          | <b>Total</b>              | <b>325</b> | <b>507</b> |
|                               | California                | 69         | 92         |
|                               | Washington                | 43         | 98         |
|                               | Texas                     | 48         | 38         |
|                               | Oregon                    | 19         | 56         |
|                               | Florida                   | 23         | 16         |
|                               | Arizona                   | 14         | 21         |
|                               | Colorado                  | 4          | 20         |
|                               | North Carolina            | 6          | 15         |
|                               | Nevada                    | 12         | 8          |
|                               | Georgia                   | 8          | 10         |
|                               | New York                  | 13         | 4          |
|                               | Utah                      | 8          | 8          |
|                               | Virginia                  | 5          | 11         |
|                               | Other States              | 53         | 110        |
| <b>South America</b>          | <b>Total</b>              | <b>2</b>   | <b>-</b>   |
| <b>Europe</b>                 | <b>Total</b>              | <b>27</b>  | <b>18</b>  |
|                               | England                   | 16         | 10         |
|                               | Other                     | 11         | 8          |
| <b>Asia &amp; Middle East</b> | <b>Total</b>              | <b>9</b>   | <b>12</b>  |
|                               | Japan                     | 3          | 3          |
|                               | China                     | 2          | 2          |
|                               | Israel                    | 2          | 2          |
|                               | Hong Kong                 | -          | 3          |
|                               | Other                     | 2          | 2          |
| <b>Africa</b>                 | <b>Total</b>              | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   |
| <b>Oceania</b>                | <b>Total</b>              | <b>18</b>  | <b>12</b>  |
|                               | Australia                 | 18         | 12         |
| <b>Unknown</b>                |                           | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  |                           | <b>740</b> | <b>984</b> |