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Subject: Letter to Minister re: Gaming Policy Enforcement Branch (GPEB) Horse Racing Drug Investigations
Attachments: Letter to Min Finance from MLA David Eby_11032016.pdf

Good afternoon:

Please see attached for a letter from MLA David Eby to the Minister of Finance.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

Gala Milne | Constituency Assistant | David Eby, MLA Vancouver-Point Grey

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David Eby, MLA
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November 3, 2016

Minister Mike de Jong
Ministry of Finance

VIA E-MAIL: FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister de Jong:

Re: Gaming Policy Enforcement Branch (GPEB) Horse Racing Drug Investigations

Recently I was contacted by s.22 who brought forward serious allegations of s.22 s.22

In particular, the informant alleges that s.22 s.22 s.22

including the following:

- An individual or individual(s) allegedly concealing the results of a positive s.22 2016 drug test for an individual who was permitted to continue operating s.22 at the track and was not suspended;
- An individual or individual(s) permitting an individual who tested positive for oxycodone on s.22 2016 to continue to work on the track in the secure backstretch with access to 20 to 30 horses s.22 for an extended period after the positive test, up to and including s.22 s.2 2016; and,
- Following the positive test of a horse for methamphetamine on s.22 (not a drug used to improve race horse performance) due likely to contamination by someone under the influence of methamphetamine, at least s.2 individuals were tested and one tested positive for cocaine, s.22 tested positive for cocaine and THC, and these individuals were not suspended.

The rules prohibiting illicit drug use by those with direct contact with horses on the track are there for good reason. These rules discourage individuals with an active addiction from having access to horses in a state of increased vulnerability to corruption or coercion; increase public safety in a sport that can be dangerous to both racers and horses; and, reduce the risk of contact contamination putting legitimately won purses at risk, compromising the reputation of BC gaming facilities unnecessarily.

This informant advises me that the informant believes that the service provider would have little tolerance for these kinds of activities at the track, and would be likely to dismiss and/or ban any individual employed by them who tested positive for illicit substances. s.22
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The informant also advises me that the informant believes that these may not be the only examples of s.22
s.22 under the influence of illicit drugs maintaining active horse racing licenses.

I respectfully request that you immediately establish an investigation s.22
s.22 into these allegations so that any systemic issues can be identified and
addressed. s.22
s.22

Thank you in advance for your urgent attention to this matter.

Yours truly,



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From: Minister, FIN FIN:EX
Sent: November 14, 2016 9:52 AM
To: Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX
Cc: Mentzelopoulos, Athana FIN:EX; Wenezenki-Yolland, Cheryl FIN:EX
Subject: Letter from the Honourable Michael de Jong
Attachments: GPEB Horse Racing Drug Investigations.pdf

Dear Mr. Eby:

Please find attached a response from the Minister of Finance.

Sincerely,

Office of the Minister



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David Eby, MLA
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Dear Mr. Eby:

Thank you for your letter of November 3, 2016, regarding Gaming Policy Enforcement Branch (GPEB) Horse Racing Drug Investigations.

Government takes seriously all ^{s.22} and our role in ensuring the maintenance of public confidence in the regulation of horse racing and British Columbia's gaming industry.

I have directed the Ministry to consider the best course of action to assess the allegations reported in your letter. ^{s.22}

^{s.22} Any such investigation will also need to take into account the ^{s.22}

I can assure you that we will be looking into these allegations and taking whatever steps are necessary to determine their accuracy.

I would like to thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Michael de Jong, Q.C.
Minister

cc: Athana Mentzelopoulos, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance
Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance



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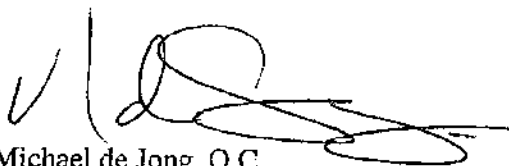
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Dear Mr. Eby:

As you may be aware, the Government of British Columbia announced in June 2016 the creation of a dedicated Office of the Superintendent of Real Estate to regulate the real estate industry. In October 2016, Micheal Noseworthy was appointed to this position. Mr. Noseworthy is currently in the process of recruiting additional staff to ensure he can fulfill the expanded mandate of the office.

I would like to offer to you a briefing from Mr. Noseworthy on the mandate of his office and the office's approach to real estate regulation. If you are interested in a briefing, please contact Mr. Noseworthy at 604 660-3538 to set up a mutually convenient time.

Sincerely,



Michael de Jong, Q.C.
Minister

cc: Micheal Noseworthy, Superintendent of Real Estate