

From: [Goss, Jordan T FIN:EX](#)
To: [Wood, Heather FIN:EX](#)
Cc: [Purnell, Richard FIN:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Quick update on RBP and SDPR discussions
Date: January 14, 2021 7:33:57 PM

Initially we may have them working to clear the mailbox depending on the uptake we get within the division but after that it would likely be manual reviews. To understand specifics of what they would do and what restrictions OCG would want to see from a risk and final I need to get a bit more information from the team.

Jordan Goss
Ministry of Finance
250 387-0665

On Jan 14, 2021, at 7:08 PM, Wood, Heather FIN:EX wrote:

Thank you, Jordan. Would you have seconded staff simply working on the mailbox and what would that involve? Or also adjudicating files? I can canvass certain DMs like Shauna B if you can clarify what they would be doing.

On Jan 14, 2021, at 5:13 PM, Goss, Jordan T FIN:EX wrote:

I have a call with the MO and GCPE tomorrow morning on the RBP and where we are at with our work with SDPR so I thought I should give you the information first.

RBP General Update— currently we have 133 auditors undertaking manual review with another 35 working through the support email box (mainly questions about where applications are at). There are almost 30,000 emails in that mailbox but we are looking for other REvDiv staff to take over the management of this mailbox so we can roll the 35 auditors over to adjudication sometime next week.

We still have 21 staff working on the BCEBW adjudications and clean up but hope that they can wind that up soon

(within a week or so) and transition to RBP. That would put a total of 188 staff on manual reviews.

At this point it seems that on average a person can get through 15 – 20 manual reviews a day^{s.13}

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There are some other options to enable faster manual processing or even auto processing^{s.16}

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SDPR update

The good news is that SDPR can share a data file with us without additional consent from the IA/DA recipient so we should be able to identify eligible individuals without them having to apply.

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Therefore our team is meeting with Provincial Treasury and OCG tomorrow to discuss the process of FIN issuing the cheques and what that process looks like. There are some downsides to this, including the fact that the regular cheques (that we issue) do not have the same benefits to the cheques issued by SDPR (e.g., SDPR cheques have indemnity with the financial institutes that ensure their clients without banking arrangements can cash the cheque and in addition there are special considerations which limit the fees cheque cashing business can charge to cash SDPR cheque – FIN cheques do not have this). However, the bottom line is that once we figure out how best to issue cheques (or deposit the benefit payment directly to bank accounts for SDPR clients who have direct deposit set up), we should be able to issue payments quickly.^{s.13}

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Thanks.

Jordan Goss
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From: [Michell, Jennifer FIN:EX](#)
To: [Lawson, Liam FIN:EX](#)
Cc: [Ashbourne, Jade FIN:EX](#)
Subject: URGENT DBN for Minister's signature
Date: February 8, 2021 12:54:30 PM
Attachments: [BN 478846 - BCRBP Additional Design Decisions February 5.pdf](#)

Hi Liam/Jade

Attached please find a DBN for Minister's approval (there are 2 decisions and signature blocks) at her earliest opportunity. If possible to get back either tonight or first thing tomorrow that would be greatly appreciated. I apologize for the rush.

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BRIEFING DOCUMENT

To: Selina Robinson
Minister of Finance

Date Requested: January 20, 2021
Date Required: February 4, 2021

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Date Prepared: February 3, 2021

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Tax Policy and Intergovernmental
Fiscal Relations Branch

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Cliff #: 478846

TITLE: BC Recovery Benefit follow-up decisions

PURPOSE:

(X) DECISION REQUIRED

DATE PREPARED: February 3, 2021

TITLE: BC Recovery Benefit follow-up decisions

ISSUE: s.13

BACKGROUND:

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DISCUSSION:

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OPTIONS:

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RECOMMENDATION:

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FW: QUESTION: BN - BCRB -
Dec 24th

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- for Minister signature by

From: Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>, Spilker, Robyn MUNI:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>
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Attachments: BN - BCRB s.13

Hey, let me know when you have a couple minutes today to talk about the attached BCRB note.

From: Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX
Sent: January 4, 2021 12:27 PM
To: Thomson, Krystal FIN:EX
Subject: QUESTION: BN - BCRB - s.13 for Minister signature by Dec 24th
Importance: High

Hi Krys –

Any backstory on this item? I'll have an opportunity to raise it with MSR tomorrow morning.

Thanks,
Robyn

From: Michell, Jennifer FIN:EX <Jennifer.Michell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 22, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Thomson, Krystal FIN:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: BN - BCRB s.13 for Minister signature by Dec 24th
Importance: High

Understand you've been looking for this note and I understand there is some urgency to receiving Minister's approval before Christmas.

Possible to get this back signed by Dec 24th?

Thanks
Jen

Ministry of Finance**BRIEFING DOCUMENT**

To: Honourable Selina Robinson
Minister of Finance

Date Requested: December 8, 2020
Date Required: December 17, 2020

Initiated by: Richard Purnell
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Date Prepared: December 17, 2020

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Cliff #: 397361

TITLE: BC Recovery Benefit – ^{s.13}

PURPOSE:
(X) DECISION REQUIRED

DATE PREPARED: December 8, 2020

TITLE: BC Recovery Benefit - ^{s.13}

ISSUE: ^{s.13}

BACKGROUND:

The BC Recovery Benefit provides a one-time income tested benefit of up to \$500 to single individuals and up to \$1,000 for families.

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Hi Minister,

We just received this rush decision note, do you want to chat about it briefly at 2:00pm and we can apply your e-sig if approved?

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Selina
Sent from my iPad

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We just received this rush decision note, do you want to chat about it briefly at 2:00pm and we can apply your e-sig if approved?

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