

## BRIEFING NOTE FOR INFORMATION

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**ISSUE:** Cullen Commission Report Recommendations on Anti-Money Laundering

### BACKGROUND:

- The Cullen Commission of Inquiry into Money Laundering in British Columbia (the Cullen Commission) was established in 2019 in response to concern about money laundering.
- The Final Report of the Cullen Commission (the report) was released in June 2022 and included 101 recommendations.
- The Anti-Money Laundering Secretariat (AML Secretariat), Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General identified the Lands Branch, Ministry of Forests (FOR) as accountable for seven of the report's recommendations as they relate to the operations and/or mandate of the Land Title and Survey Authority of B.C. (the LTSA).

### DISCUSSION:

The Lands Branch is reviewing the seven assigned recommendations in consultation with the LTSA and is informing the AML Secretariat of its progress. Consideration of the recommendations requires collaboration with the LTSA as, while FOR is responsible for the over-arching legislative framework for the Province's land title and survey systems, the LTSA is responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the systems. The LTSA's expertise in these systems is required to conduct a full analysis of the recommendations.

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### NEXT STEPS

- Lands Branch will continue analysis of the seven recommendations that relate to the operations/mandate of the LTSA, in collaboration with the LTSA and FIN.
- Lands Branch will seek advice from Ministry of Attorney General on legal questions arising from this analysis (e.g., the need for legislative amendments).

- Lands Branch will update FOR Executive on the results of this analysis in early Fall 2022.
- Lands Branch will keep the AML Secretariat informed of its progress on this work.

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