

Thorkelson, Meaghan GCPE:EX

From: Charlotte Helston <chelston@infotelnews.ca>
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 12:56 PM
To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Your request

Thank you for this, Rodney.

Regards,

Charlotte Helston
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C: 250.309.5230
E: chelston@infonews.ca



On May 19, 2017, at 8:14 AM, Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX <Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning, Charlotte; As mentioned, below is an attributable quote that I think will probably be of use for your article.

Please attribute it to **Matt Gordon, Government Communications and Public Engagement, Assistant Deputy Minister**

“During the interregnum period, it is the duty of the public service, including Government Communications and Public Engagement, to remain impartial during this time both in action and perception.

“While the final election results are confirmed by Elections BC, the executive council of government continues. Cabinet ministers (including those that did not seek re-election or who were not re-elected) remain in their positions as caretakers until a new executive council is sworn in.

“Government activity is typically very limited during this time as new policy and legislative work awaits the new executive council. However, on issues such as public and environmental health and emergency management, the public can expect the government’s full attention to such matters.

“I should add that government communications practices have been the same for this election as they have always been, which is generally to limit communications to already publicly available data or information with the exceptions to these practices being what I noted above.

“Finally, during this time government staff do not provide analysis or comment on campaign promises of any political party, or any general comments that they may make about government programs, policies and services.”

Rodney Porter | Communications Director

Government Communications & Public Engagement
B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education

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Thorkelson, Meaghan GCPE:EX

From: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 10:43 AM
To: 'Cooper, Sam'
Subject: RE: GNW Trust untendered deal proposed

Good morning, Sam. Hopefully, the background information below will be of use to you.

“The Ministry of Advanced Education has not received a request for the approval of a disposition of land at Great Northern Way.

“During the extended caretaker period, the minister and ministry staff will not consider any significant approvals, such as land disposition applications at Great Northern Way.”

From: Cooper, Sam [<mailto:scooper@postmedia.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 2:09 PM
To: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: GNW Trust untendered deal proposed

Thanks Rodney, have a good weekend

From: "Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX" <Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 at 2:04 PM
To: Postmedia Inc <scooper@postmedia.com>
Cc: "Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX" <Matt.Gordon@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: GNW Trust untendered deal proposed

Hello Sam;

Thanks for returning my call earlier.

I will get some background to you hopefully first thing Monday morning.

Appreciate your flexibility on deadline.

In the meantime, safe ride home!

Rodney Porter | Communications Director
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From: Smart, Stephen PREM:EX
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Cooper, Sam
Cc: Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: GNW Trust untendered deal proposed

Hey Sam,

Nice to hear from you. I hope you are doing well.

Thanks very much for the requests. At the moment, the Premier is not in a position to comment. But I have asked Rodney and Matt Gordon at GCPE to get back to you on background around the handling of any such proposals that might come to government for approval during the current political situation.

Apologies that I can't be more help at the moment.

Thanks,

Stephen

Stephen Smart

Press Secretary

Office of the Premier of British Columbia

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From: "Cooper, Sam" <scooper@postmedia.com>
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 at 10:21 AM
To: Stephen Smart <stephen.smart@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rodney Porter <Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: GNW Trust untendered deal proposed

From: [Tiffany Nelson](#)
Subject: CSCD: End of Day Media Request Report
Date: Thursday, June 29, 2017 3:22:17 PM

Vanmala Subramaniam - Vice Canada

ISSUE: Canada 150 funding

STATUS: Provided Background

- Provided three links:
 - Jan. 11, 2017 news release announcing B.C. | Canada 150 grant program:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/13483>.
 - Feb. 16, 2017 news release announcing Knowledge Network project:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017MTICS0006-000339>
 - April 2, 2017 news release announcing funding awards:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/14612>

Marsha Lederman - Globe and Mail (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Repatriation of cultural belongings

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

- More information on the Government's \$2 million support to the RBCM can be found within this news release from September 2016:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016PREM0096-001618>
Also referred to RBCM for specifics on \$2 million spending.

Rachel Sanders - CBC - Vancouver

ISSUE: Interview with MSS

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- MSS interviewed

Roger Stonebanks - Saanich Voice

ISSUE: CRD integrated services report

STATUS: Provided Background

- The government remains in caretaker mode and following this period, consideration for the release of the report will take place.

Jordan Tucker - CBC Radio - Prince George

ISSUE: Fort St. John by-election

STATUS: Provided Background

- In the event of a vacancy on a municipal council, the remaining council must initiate a by-election by appointing a chief election officer (CEO) as soon as reasonably possible

and notify the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development of the election. The timing of the by-election is determined by the CEO and voting must occur on a Saturday within 80 days of the appointment of the CEO. Refer to part 3, section 54 of the Local Government Act for complete details about by-elections.

From: [Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Mandybura, Cadence GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FW: CFA
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:56:00 AM

Hi Cadence –

- Government remains in caretaker mode. Once cabinet is formed, further information regarding the report's release will be available.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "George Abbott" ^{s.22}
Subject: CFA
Date: July 5, 2017 at 9:05:40 AM PDT
To: ^{s.22}

Hi Dale,

Hope u r enjoying a summer of rest and recovery.

Picked up a voice message from Mark at CFA re the services study, 250 920-4616. I expect the report is under continuing review at the ministry but you would know better than me and I'll leave it in your hands.

Best,

George

From: [Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX](#)
To: [s.22](#)
Cc: [Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media response
Date: Friday, June 16, 2017 2:00:00 PM

Hi Roger,

Thanks for writing. As a response, on background and for attribution to the "Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development" if needed: *The government remains in caretaker mode and following this period, consideration for the release of the report will take place.*

I'll be sure to write once that time comes.

Thanks again,

Tiffany Nelson

Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
Media line: 250 356-6334

From: Roger Stonebanks [[mailto:s.22](#)]
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Cc: Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media response

Hi Tiffany:

Just wondering - is the Capital Region shared-services report soon to be released? My deadline for the next printed issue of Saanich Voice Online is Friday June 23 but it's 24/7 online.

Thanks,
Roger

From: [Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Postmedia interview request - Boxing safety story
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:21:00 PM

Will do. The FS includes the overall number of events overseen but I'll see if they have the info breaking out boxing in particular.

Thanks

From: Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Subject: Fwd: Postmedia interview request - Boxing safety story

Can you check in with Danica and explain that we are in caretaker mode and need to run all media through GCPE? Also do they have these numbers online anywhere? Is it in our fact sheet?

I will leave this to you to run through Matt. My suggestion is to provide the number or FS and that is it.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Willows, Wayne CSCD:EX" <Wayne.Willows@gov.bc.ca>
Date: June 30, 2017 at 1:05:48 PM PDT
To: "Barnes, Dan" <dbarnes@postmedia.com>
Cc: "Forsyth, Danica CSCD:EX" <Danica.Forsyth@gov.bc.ca>, "Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX" <Megan.Harris@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Postmedia interview request - Boxing safety story

Dear Dan Barnes,

Please be advised that the BC Athletic Commission does not oversee amateur Boxing In BC. We do however regulate professional Boxing and by copy of this email I will ask Danica to provide you with the number of professional events held in BC last year. I will connect with you on your query in the near future.

Sincerely

Wayne Willows

Wayne Willows
Commissioner
Office of the BC Athletic Commissioner
Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
250-952-6735

From: Barnes, Dan [<mailto:dbarnes@postmedia.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Willows, Wayne CSCD:EX
Subject: Postmedia interview request - Boxing safety story

Mr. Willows

I'm a sports writer for Postmedia, based in Edmonton. In the wake of the death of Tim Hague, I'm researching a piece on the precautions taken before, during and after bouts to ensure boxer safety. I'd like to speak to you about your experiences in B.C.

As part of my research, I am also trying to determine, on average, how many professional and amateur bouts occur in each Canadian jurisdiction every year. If you could provide a number for B.C. I would be grateful.

I can be reached at 780 886 9074. Thanks.

Dan Barnes

Mandybura, Cadence GCPE:EX

From: Edmondson, Marijke CSCD:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 10:33 AM
To: Mandybura, Cadence GCPE:EX; Lynch, Karen CSCD:EX; Marotz, Nicola CSCD:EX
Subject: RE: For review: media request re Capital Integrated Services

Hi Cadence,

Karen, Nicola and I have conferred and we all like your proposed response.

Cheers, M.

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Governance and Structure Branch | Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
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From: Mandybura, Cadence GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Lynch, Karen CSCD:EX; Edmondson, Marijke CSCD:EX; Marotz, Nicola CSCD:EX
Subject: For review: media request re Capital Integrated Services

Hi everyone!

Mark Brennae from CFAx is looking for information about the release of the Capital Integrated Services report. I'm following up with him to find out his deadline and whether he had additional questions. In the meantime, could you please review the following response:

Government remains in caretaker mode. Once cabinet is formed, further information regarding the report's release will be available.

Thank you!

Cadence

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Mandybura, Cadence GCPE:EX

From: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:57 AM
To: Mandybura, Cadence GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: CFAx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

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George

Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX

From: Sandur, Parveen CSCD:EX
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:03 PM
To: Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX
Cc: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX; Dick, Joan L CSCD:EX
Subject: RE: CSCD Media Request: CRD integrated services report

Approved.

Regards,
Parveen

From: Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Dick, Joan L CSCD:EX; Sandur, Parveen CSCD:EX
Cc: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Subject: CSCD Media Request: CRD integrated services report
Importance: High

Hi Joan,

We receive this request from Roger every month. My suggested response below approved by DMO and HQ.

Reporter

Roger Stonebanks, Reporter
Saanich Voice
s.22
250-555-5555

Deadline ASAP

Request

Reporter would like to know if the report will be released ahead of his June 23 story deadline.

Background

Recommendation

The government remains in caretaker mode and following this period, consideration for the release of the report will take place.

Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX

From: Dick, Joan L CSCD:EX
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 4:11 PM
To: Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX; Sandur, Parveen CSCD:EX
Cc: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: CSCD Media Request: CRD integrated services report

Megan:

The subject of what to do as regards the release of the report is under consideration/discussion now. It will be discussed w/MSS when he gets his briefing on the local government division on Tuesday. As Mr. Stonebanks' deadline isn't until next Friday, let's wait and see what the direction is after Tuesday.

J.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

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From: [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: Toronto Star interview request
Date: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 8:28:39 AM

Closed. Redirected to HA and explained caretaker mode

Kristy Anderson
778.678.5200

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Howells, Laura" <lhowells@thestar.ca>
Date: July 12, 2017 at 8:15:58 AM PDT
To: "Kristy.Anderson@gov.bc.ca" <Kristy.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Toronto Star interview request

Hi Kristy,

My name is Laura Howells, I'm a reporter at the Toronto Star. I'm working on a story about the latest life expectancy data from Statistics Canada, and was hoping to talk to somebody from the ministry about why B.C. continues to have the highest life expectancy of all provinces.

My cell number is 709-685-5803.

Thanks!

Laura

From: [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#)
To: ["Sandra Poirier"](#)
Subject: RE: Radio-Canada Manitoba : interview request
Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:41:47 AM

Hi Sandra – our government is currently in a period of transition (from one political party to another) and in a caretaker mode. As such we will decline the interview.

Thanks,

Kristy Anderson

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From: Sandra Poirier [<mailto:sandra.poirier@radio-canada.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:12 AM

To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX

Subject: Radio-Canada Manitoba : interview request

Hello,

Would it be possible to obtain an interview today or tomorrow with Minister of Health Mary Polak or Deputy Minister of Health Stephen Brown to comment about the NeuroBlate procedure?

The questions we'd like to ask are:

We heard the procedure is not currently being offered? If so, for what reasons?

When is the NeuroBlate procedure planned to be offered again in BC?

Thanks,

Sandra

Sandra Poirier

rechercheuse, Radio-Canada Manitoba

9 h à 17 h 45

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From: [Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX](#)
To: ["Alan Cassels"](#)
Subject: RE: Evolocumab
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 3:29:49 PM

Hi Alan,

I looked into it and I'm afraid I'm not able to provide any info/comment on the status of the review during this caretaker mode, as we can really just point to information that is already publicly available. Since you already have the website info, this is likely not helpful to you, but the dates for patient input are June 21, 2017 to July 19, 2017. The website will be updated appropriately as needed, as per usual processes.

Thanks,

Laura

From: Alan Cassels [<mailto:cassels@uvic.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 11:35 AM
To: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Evolocumab

Thanks a lot. I realize you're 'caretaking'--whatever you can provide on my question would be most appreciated.

All the best,

Alan

Alan Cassels

Victoria, BC

(250)361-3120

From: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX <Laura.Heinze@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 4, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Alan Cassels
Subject: RE: Evolocumab

Hi Alan,

Let me check for you. Just as a heads up, we are very much back in a "caretaker" mode while we await government transition, so I am quite limited in what I can provide – however, hopefully I can get you something shortly!

Thanks, and hope you had a lovely long weekend.

Laura

From: Alan Cassels [<mailto:cassels@uvic.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Heinze, Laura R GCPE:EX
Subject: Evolocumab

Hi Laura, is there anything you can share about the current state of Public Input on the drug evolocumab?

That's the subject of my next article in Common Ground. I was sent this notice a while ago and it appears the Ministry is taking comments up to July 19th. Can you tell me if the Ministry has received any public input so far? I don't need to know what it said, but rather, who has made any public input so far? My deadline is very soon.

thanks.

Generic name: evolocumab

Brand name: REPATHA(tm)

Drug used for: Primary hyperlipidemia and mixed dyslipidemia

Input accepted: From Wednesday June 21, 2017 to Wednesday July 19, 2017

All the best,

Alan

Alan Cassels

Victoria, BC

(250)361-3120

From: [Mangione, Kendra](#)
To: [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#); [Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: CTV request: comment on baby gender designation
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 3:09:33 PM

Gotcha, thanks Kristy! Have a good night.

From: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX [mailto:Kristy.Anderson@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 04, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Mangione, Kendra; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CTV request: comment on baby gender designation
Hi Kendra

With government in transition (again) we are back in caretaker mode so I am not able to provide any info at this time. Best of luck with the story.

Kristy Anderson

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From: Mangione, Kendra [mailto:kendra.mangione@bellmedia.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 1:22 PM
To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX
Subject: CTV request: comment on baby gender designation

Hi Kristy and Lori,

Working on a web story for CTV Vancouver on the baby who has received a health card with the gender designation "U" – presumably for Unknown or Unspecified. Wondering if you're able to provide a bit more info and if you know whether this is a first for B.C.

Here's the statement from the Gender-Free ID Coalition, though I imagine this probably isn't the first the ministry's hearing of it! <http://koridoty.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/20170630-FOR-IMMEDIATE-RELEASE.pdf>

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From: [Rahim, Zamira \(NE\)](#)
To: [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: CNN: Health card gender designation
Date: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:37:08 AM

That's fine, I'll let my editors know. I'll put in a line saying the ministry 'didn't comment when reached' if that's okay?

It's just so that it's clear CNN contacted everyone.

No problem about the name!

All the best,

Zamira

From: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX [<mailto:Kristy.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: 04 July 2017 16:35

To: Rahim, Zamira (NE)

Subject: RE: CNN: Health card gender designation

Apologies for getting your name wrong!

To be honest I am not sure we will be able to comment. We have had an odd change of government (a change without an election) and so we are in a caretaker government mode while the transition takes place – this limits our media relations to pointing media to what is already publicly available and I am afraid there is nothing already on line about this.

If that changes I will let you know.

Kristy Anderson

Director, Media Relations

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From: Rahim, Zamira (NE) [<mailto:Zamira.Rahim@turner.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:30 AM

To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: CNN: Health card gender designation

Hi Kirsty,

That's fine – we can't really publish without comment from the government so whenever you're ready.

If you have a rough ETA, that'd be great.

All the best,

Zamira

From: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX [<mailto:Kristy.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: 04 July 2017 16:29

To: Rahim, Zamira (NE)

Subject: RE: CNN: Health card gender designation

Hi Rahim – I don't think I will be able to make your deadline – appologies.

Kristy Anderson

Director, Media Relations

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From: Rahim, Zamira (NE) [<mailto:Zamira.Rahim@turner.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 4, 2017 8:28 AM

To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: CNN: Health card gender designation

Hi Kirsty,

Apologies for pushing, I'm just coming up to my deadline.

Do let me know if you have answers on the below.

Best,

Zamira

From: Rahim, Zamira (NE)

Sent: 04 July 2017 15:32

To: 'Kristy.Anderson@gov.bc.ca'

Subject: CNN: Health card gender designation

Hi Kristy,

I called earlier on your direct line. I've just put in a few questions below that we're interested in pursuing for the Searyl Alti story?

1. Does the Health Ministry have an official comment on the case and the fact that the parent claims that the ministry is refusing to issue a birth certificate?
2. Can the ministry confirm this is the first card to be issued in Canada without a gender designation? The parent thinks this may be a 'world first' – is there any way of confirming that?
3. Are health cards issued by the Canadian government?
4. Does the ministry know approximately how old the baby is now – and how old the baby was when the card was issued?

Due to quirks of time zones it's a little later in the day here in London, so I'd hugely appreciate it if you could let me know the answers to these as soon as you can.

Best wishes,

Zamira

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From: Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX
To: "Grant, Kelly"
Cc: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Question about transparency for Big Pharma, for today
Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:49:51 PM

Hi Kelly – my apologies for not replying sooner. You are correct, given that we are still in caretaker mode, we are unable to provide a response at this time.

We will look forward to seeing your story!

Talk soon.

Lori

From: Grant, Kelly [mailto:KGrant@globeandmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 8:18 AM
To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX
Subject: Question about transparency for Big Pharma, for today
Hi Kristy and Lori:

It's Kelly Grant at The Globe and Mail here. I'm working on a story today following up on the release of some information from 10 pharmaceutical companies yesterday:

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/canadian-drug-makers-assailed-for-lack-of-transparency-over-payments/article35392284/>

Some prominent doctors – along with the College of Family Physicians and the CMA – are calling on pharmaceutical companies to disclose their payments to individual doctors, including specific figures and the names of the physicians. Federal Health Minister Jane Philpott says action should be left to the provinces. Ontario is launching consultations on the issue. Does your province support the disclosure of drug makers' payments to doctors? If so, what steps would the province take to get there?

My deadline on this is 5 p.m. EST. Feel free to give me a shout if you need me to clarify anything. I realize this may be tricky, considering what's happening with the B.C. government right now. But I'm asking all provinces.

Take care,

Kelly Grant

Health reporter

The Globe and Mail

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@kellygrant1

From: [Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX](#)
To: ["Marcella Bernardo"](#)
Subject: RE: Doctor Billing Inquiry
Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:26:09 PM

Hi Marcella – the government is still in caretaker mode and the Minister has only been in place for short time.

Thanks,
Lori

From: Marcella Bernardo [mailto:Marcella.Bernardo@vancouverradio.rogers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Doctor Billing Inquiry
Hi Lori,
May I ask why?
Marcella
Marcella Bernardo
Reporter/Producer

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From: Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX [mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Marcella Bernardo <Marcella.Bernardo@vancouverradio.rogers.com>
Subject: Doctor Billing Inquiry
Hi Marcella – Thanks for your inquiry, but we are going to decline at this time.
Lori
Lori Cascaden
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From: [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#)
To: ["Monty Kruger"](#)
Subject: RE: CBC Request
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017 12:20:21 PM

Hi Monty

Thanks for your questions. Our government is currently in caretaker mode and so our media relations are limited at this time.

I am curious though if there is there any reason you were specifically interested in BC or are you canvassing all provinces?

Best of luck with the story.

Kristy Anderson

Director, Media Relations

Ministry of Health

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From: Monty Kruger [mailto:monty.kruger@cbc.ca]

Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2017 12:11 PM

To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX

Subject: CBC Request

Good Morning

I am doing a story on Whole Body Cryotherapy (WBC). There are some facilities in B.C, that offer the service.

Here is what I know so far:

Health Canada warns against the practice:

<http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca/drugs-products-medicaments-produits/buying-using-achat-utilisation/products-canada-produits/drugs-devices-medicaments-instruments/cryotherapy-cryotherapie-eng.php>

However, Health Canada regulates the **sale** of medical devices in Canada. The **use** of medical devices is considered to be the practice of medicine and is regulated at the **provincial** or territorial level."

MY QUESTIONS TO YOU:

Does the British Columbia health ministry have any concerns about WBC

Are there any laws or regulations prohibiting the service in British Columbia?

If not, are there any regulations and safety protocols service providers should adhere to?

Do you know how many of these machines there are in British Columbia?

Thank you.

Monty Kruger

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From: [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#)
To: ["Melanie Green"](#)
Subject: RE: Media Request: CBC Radio Vancouver: Workplace Burnout
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017 12:05:24 PM

Hi Melanie – perhaps you can call me to get a better sense of your story, if its for web or
Also I am not sure if you are aware but government is currently in a caretaker mode so media relations are somewhat limited during this time.

Happy to chat further.

Cheers,

Kristy Anderson

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From: Melanie Green [mailto:[s.22](#)]

Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2017 11:36 AM

To: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX

Subject: Media Request: CBC Radio Vancouver: Workplace Burnout

Hello,

I am a journalist working on a series for the CBC about burnout in the workforce.

I was hoping to better understand how this issue has been addressed in BC (there's so much information about compassion burnout: nurses, frontline workers, police etc), however I would like to take an over-arching view.

I am hoping you can comment on what programs in BC are in place, is there any data specifically relating to burnout, what solutions are offered by the province, are there numbers on how much is spent on short term disability annually and have those numbers been increasing and lastly what are the solutions for an employee in terms of HealthBC.

Any time or information or appropriate contacts you have will be greatly appreciated,

Thank you,

Mel

604 365 7737

From: [Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX](#); "[Fayerman, Pamela \(Vancouver Sun\)](#)"
Subject: RE: your request re: writ period
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:31:26 PM

Hi Pamela

You can attribute the below to Matt Gordon, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Priorities & Communications Operations.

"During the interregnum period, it is the duty of the public service, including Government Communications and Public Engagement, to remain impartial during this time both in action and perception.

While the final election results are confirmed by Elections BC, the executive council of government continues. Cabinet ministers (including those that did not seek re-election or who were not re-elected) remain in their positions as caretakers until a new executive council is sworn in.

Government activity is typically very limited during this time as new policy and legislative work awaits the new executive council. However, on issues such as public and environmental health and emergency management, the public can expect the governments full attention to such matters.

I should add that government communications practices have been the same for this election as they have always been, which is generally to limit communications to already publicly available data or information with the exceptions to these practices being what I noted above.

Finally, during this time government staff do not provide analysis or comment on campaign promises of any political party, or any general comments that they may make about government programs, policies and services."

Kristy Anderson

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From: Plank, Sarah GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:02 PM
To: 'Fayerman, Pamela (Vancouver Sun)'
Cc: Anderson, Kristy GCPE:EX
Subject: your request re: writ period
Hi Pamela,

Just a quick note to let you know that I am going into a long meeting, so Kristy is working on your request.

Thanks,

Sarah.

Sarah Plank

Director of Strategic Communications | Ministry of Health

Government Communications & Public Engagement

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Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: APPROVAL REQUESTED: caretaker v2.0

Perfect and thanks!

From: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:21 PM
To: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: APPROVAL REQUESTED: caretaker v2.0

All good from my end Jules

With respect to the following – I have no problem with EMBC (assume that’s what you mind by “they”?) amplifying other tweets and campaigns if it is clearly a public safety message and assists us
All that I would ask here is that judgement be used please
Note, they again asked for carte blanche authority to amplify tweets and campaigns of others, I said hold-off on that until we’re out of caretaker mode.

From: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:12 PM
To: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Subject: APPROVAL REQUESTED: caretaker v2.0

Hi Kelly,

Here are the tweets they would like to proactively put out over the long weekend.

Each would end with a link to their webpage of resources – like planning guides – or those of a trusted partner (like Search and Rescue).

Backcountry Key Messages:

- If you’re planning to explore BC’s backcountry. Make sure you’re aware of the risks and prepared for changing conditions.
- When heading out into the backcountry, especially on your own, tell your friends and family where you are going and your anticipated return time.
- Pack the top ten essentials: Map, Compass, Sunglasses and sunscreen, Extra clothing, Headlamp/flashlight, First-aid supplies, Firestarter, Matches, Knife and Extra food

Travel Safe Key Messages:

- Emergencies happen on holiday too. Be aware of the risks, be prepared and follow @PreparedBC, @EmergencyInfoBC, @BCGovFireInfo and @DriveBC for emergency preparedness tips, emergency alerts, wildfire updates and road closures while travelling the province.

Wildfire and Campfire Messages:

- If you see smoke, flames or an open fire violation, call 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 immediately.

- Check BCwildfire.ca for campfire bans and restrictions before you leave home.

Note, they again asked for carte blanche authority to amplify tweets and campaigns of others, I said hold-off on that until we're out of caretaker mode.

Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:40 PM
To: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CLARITY NEEDED: caretaker v2.0

Understood – thanks!!

From: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:39 PM
To: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CLARITY NEEDED: caretaker v2.0

Just want to be clear about one thing
This isn't about lenience
If its public health/safety – please bring to our attention
Thx

From: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CLARITY NEEDED: caretaker v2.0

Will do. I asked them for a tweet schedule or plan and they don't have it, so I will let them know there is some lenience and we will need to do the ask on a case-by-case basis.

From: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:37 PM
To: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CLARITY NEEDED: caretaker v2.0

Please flip what you are contemplating to Matt and myself

From: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CLARITY NEEDED: caretaker v2.0

Perfect and appreciated! Thank you!

From: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:35 PM
To: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CLARITY NEEDED: caretaker v2.0

I have no concerns with public safety messages – and some of these clearly are

From: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:31 PM
To: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CLARITY NEEDED: caretaker v2.0

It's not operational, more amplification and leveraging the engagement of others – trusted partners.

For instance, with the BC Gov News account tweeting about pets in hot cars, PreparedBC could have linked back to them with their pet preparedness guide. With BC Search and Rescue Association and Adventure Smart talking about the long weekend and people needing to prepare for safe back country travel, we could have hopped onto that with an infographic or messaging about what to take with you. There are opportunities too to retweet a local government's emergency preparedness fair promo, or linking Destination BC channels to our tourism preparedness guide.

This was all put on hold except for operational based tweets on floods and fires, but the dog in a hot car is the one that prompted me to ask if the limitations have changed.

From: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:22 PM
To: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: CLARITY NEEDED: caretaker v2.0

If its operational in nature / health and safety related – addressing on case by case basis
Give me context

From: McCaffrey, Julianne GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Gleeson, Kelly T GCPE:EX
Subject: CLARITY NEEDED: caretaker v2.0

Kelly, I see the BC Gov News has been posting about Timber Supply Areas, pets left in hot cars and the Throne Speech – not just items related to health/safety. Does that mean our online channel (PreparedBC) can resume business as usual with their online engagement? We have been in writ-light mode around posting online until further notice – but I presume that based on the newsroom channel, that has changed?

Jules

Julianne McCaffrey
Communications Director
Emergency Management BC
250-888-8074

From: [Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX](#); [Volk, Kevin CSCD:EX](#)
Cc: [Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX](#); [Main, Grant TRAN:EX](#); [Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 4:03:27 PM

A TL MLBE tech briefing will not take place this week. The idea behind it was to have media q's about the MLBE project answered before public open houses (as last time there were some media q's that staff on site were unable to answer), but still TBD if they will do a tech briefing, issue an NR, or if staff will be equipped to respond. FYI, the 1st MLBE open house is June 27 (a few private stakes consults start June 21) with some marketing material that invite folk to the open house to go out in a week (not yet received).

Thanks.

From: Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 3:47 PM
To: Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; Volk, Kevin CSCD:EX
Cc: Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX; Main, Grant TRAN:EX
Subject: RE:
Believe TL is standing down on that one for this week so please hold while I confirm – I'll advise shortly

From: Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX; Volk, Kevin CSCD:EX
Cc: Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX; Main, Grant TRAN:EX
Subject: RE:
Wondering about the media tech briefing for Broadway... should we seek feedback from centre given still in caretaker?

From: Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Dawes, Jacquie CSCD:EX; Volk, Kevin CSCD:EX; Brooks, Jessica CSCD:EX; Tudhope, Dave R CSCD:EX
Cc: Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX
Subject:
Hi all,
Hope you had a good weekend! A couple of things:

*further to my email last week, Mayor GR and Janet Austin still intended to do a media avail tmrw am in downtown Vancouver to announce mobility pricing commission chair and v-chair. Am told I'll receive the materials today early afternoon at the latest. Will share when I receive.

*was just advised that TL will issue and lb today approx 1pm on the fare increase that takes effect July 1 (region's share of funding for phase 1)- not new news but will be reminding customers throughout June via customer facing platforms ie blog but reactive media only. When I receive draft I'll share.

*TL is still tbd on whether the media tech briefing for the Broadway line will take place on wed - an update leading up to open houses. Likely on hold til next week, will keep you posted. Haven't received materials on that yet.

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX](#); [Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX](#); [Harris, Megan A GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Tripartite Cda, BC and TransLink Lookahead call
Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017 2:40:11 PM

And megan, too... see below

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

From: Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 2:40 PM
To: Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX; Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Tripartite Cda, BC and TransLink Lookahead call

Thanks.

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

From: Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX; Jabs, Ryan GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Tripartite Cda, BC and TransLink Lookahead call

fyi

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

From: L'Arrivée, Paul (INFC) [<mailto:paul.larrivee@canada.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 2:10 PM
To: Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Tripartite Cda, BC and TransLink Lookahead call

Done. Thanks

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

From: Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX [<mailto:Alexis.Pavlich@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: June 15, 2017 5:00 PM
To: L'Arrivée, Paul (INFC) <paul.larrivee@canada.ca>; Megan Johnston <megan.johnston@translink.ca>
Cc: LaRocque, Marie-Eve (INFC) <marie-eve.larocque@canada.ca>; MacMillan, Sharon (INFC) <sharon.macmillan@canada.ca>
Subject: Re: Tripartite Cda, BC and TransLink Lookahead call

Hahaha no worries. Yah let's cancel and hold til the new TL dcomm and our provincial govt is more settled!!
Thanks :)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2017, at 1:32 PM, L'Arrivée, Paul (INFC) <paul.larrivee@canada.ca<<mailto:paul.larrivee@canada.ca>>>> wrote:

I should have read the second email first. I thought Pamela was saying that Megan was the new DComm. What I will do is cancel that series of meetings and we will wait to hear from you.

Paul

From: Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX [<mailto:Alexis.Pavlich@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: June 15, 2017 2:55 PM
To: L'Arrivée, Paul (INFC) <paul.larrivee@canada.ca<<mailto:paul.larrivee@canada.ca>>>>; 'Pamela Findling'

<pamela.findling@translink.ca<<mailto:pamela.findling@translink.ca>>>; LaRocque, Marie-Eve (INFC) <marie-eve.larocque@canada.ca<<mailto:marie-eve.larocque@canada.ca>>>
Cc: MacMillan, Sharon (INFC) <sharon.macmillan@canada.ca<<mailto:sharon.macmillan@canada.ca>>>
Subject: RE: Tripartite Cda, BC and TransLink Lookahead call

Hi Paul (and Marie-Eve and Sharon),
Hope you've been keeping well! A few updates:

- 1 s.22 so no need to copy her on these emails.
- 2 - a new DComm will start at TransLink shortly (I think its next week) and once he has reached out to me, I'll advise him of these calls as undoubtedly he will want to participate.
- 3 - It's a bit premature to resume the calls at this time as although a Cabinet has been formed, the situation is still uncertain and we are still essentially in caretaker mode. I would suggest that we resume calls in early July - after the Throne Speech is delivered on June 22 and after a vote of confidence in the Leg (the week June 29) - as until then we aren't in a position to proceed like before, and things will be somewhat more clear by then.

Ok with you?

From: L'Arrivée, Paul (INFC) [<mailto:paul.larrivee@canada.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 11:40 AM
To: Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX; Pamela Findling; LaRocque, Marie-Eve (INFC)
Cc: MacMillan, Sharon (INFC)
Subject: RE: Tripartite Cda, BC and TransLink Lookahead call

Now that the BC Cabinet has been formed, should we start these calls back up?

-----Original Appointment-----

From: L'Arrivée, Paul (INFC)
Sent: January 31, 2017 12:59 PM
To: L'Arrivée, Paul (INFC); Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX; Pamela Findling; LaRocque, Marie-Eve (INFC)
Cc: MacMillan, Sharon (INFC)
Subject: Tripartite Cda, BC and TransLink Lookahead call
When: June 15, 2017 2:00 PM-2:30 PM Customized Time Zone.
Where: Teleconference and local boardroom 11-042

To join the call: s.15,s.17
Local: s.15,s.17
Conference ID: s.15,s.1

From: [Pavlich, Alexis GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Mukasa, Kate GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Tweet by Jennifer Saltman on Twitter
Date: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:50:14 PM



Jennifer Saltman (@jensaltman)

2017-06-30, 10:24 PM

Heard the dreaded words today from a provincial government spokesperson: "We're back in caretaker mode." Did it ever actually end? [#bcpoli](#)

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Sent from my iPhone

Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:04 PM
To: 'MNielsen@pgcitizen.ca'
Subject: Courthouse roof

Hi Mark – we're easing out of caretaker mode, so I can provide the information you asked for a while back.

(And I'm *really* sorry for the delay!)

Regards

Kate

The dome is being replaced because it is at the end of its useful life.

The original dome roof had a thin copper sheeting. The new roof has a much thicker copper sheeting with a life expectancy of 50 years. The new roof will be improved with upgraded insulation. The expected substantial completion date is July 31, 2017 at a cost of approximately \$300,000.

Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 2:50 PM
To: 'johann.nertomb@radio-canada.ca'
Subject: Your request regarding cannabis legalization

Hi Johann,

Your request for an interview was forwarded to me for response.

We are in caretaker mode and unable to respond to media request other than those related to public safety.

Please do contact us again in future and we'll do our best to assist.

Regards

Kate

Senior Public Affairs Officer
Public Safety & Solicitor General
Ministry of Justice
250 356-6391

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:41 PM
To: 'mhager@globeandmail.com'
Subject: - CFO

Hi Mike,

As per our quick chat, happy to provide the following information as background, and not for attribution, given that we're in caretaker mode.

Please let me know when you need something for attribution.

Cheers

Kate

Regarding the outcome of the dismissal order, why was a dismissal agreed to by both parties?

- The order is as it appears. The CFO cannot comment on the reasons why a consent dismissal order was agreed to, in order to protect the privacy of the parties and the integrity of the process.
- However, in general, as with most civil litigation files, it is very common for civil forfeiture actions to terminate before a trial. In these instances, the parties will often file a consent dismissal order setting out the terms of their agreement to resolve the litigation.
- These terms vary on a case-by-case basis, but they often include forfeiture of the assets, provisions for relief from forfeiture for the property owners, provisions for expenses related to the maintenance and sale of assets, and an agreement on litigation costs. "Relief from forfeiture" for the owners will often appear as an agreement between the Director and the owner on a percentage division of the net proceeds of sale.

In CF suits, is it "all or nothing" – that is, can the CFO place a lien for a portion of the value of a property, or does it seek title to the entire property alleged to have been used in committing a crime.

- The Civil Forfeiture Act allows the Director to apply for forfeiture of all or a portion of a property that is either an instrument (example – drug production facility) or proceeds of crime (example – cash generated by the sale of drugs).
- The application may be granted by the court if the Director can prove the case on a balance of probabilities (i.e., it is more likely than not that the property was used to commit illegal acts and/or purchased with the proceeds of crime).
- However, the court may deny or limit forfeiture if it is not in the interests of justice. The interests of justice have been interpreted by the courts to include a number of factors relating to the circumstances of the offences, the impact of forfeiture on innocent individuals, the degree of harm to the community, the financial circumstances of the defendant, etc.
- Notably, the Act explicitly protects the portion of a property owned by uninvolved interest holders, such as banks, financing companies, other creditors and uninvolved spouses.

General background:

B.C.'s Civil Forfeiture Act allows government to seek the forfeiture of proceeds and instruments of unlawful activity.

The law targets the profit motive behind crime and other illegal activities, to ensure – literally – that crime does not pay. Civil actions under the Civil Forfeiture Act are totally separate from criminal law and do not rely on successful criminal prosecutions.

Forfeiture actions are initiated against property, not people. No criminal record is created and there are no findings of guilt or innocence.

Though the Civil Forfeiture Office (CFO) decides whether or not to initiate a civil forfeiture action, it is up to a B.C. Supreme Court justice to determine – on a balance of probabilities – if property is proceeds or an instrument of unlawful activity and to order its forfeiture.

ADMINISTRATIVE FORFEITURE

Administrative Forfeiture is a program designed to streamline the forfeiture process for undisputed claims to personal property worth less than \$75,000.

Administrative forfeiture makes it cost effective to pursue low-value claims by removing the legal costs. If an administrative forfeiture claim is undisputed, it will never enter the court process and therefore never incur legal costs.

Files are referred by police and investigative agencies following the same process in place for civil forfeiture. They are assessed by CFO staff to see if they meet civil forfeiture criteria: the quality of the evidence showing that the property is either proceeds or an instrument of unlawful activity, the interests of justice, public interest, and fiscal considerations.

UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY

An unlawful activity is a federal or provincial offence at the time it took place in B.C., or an offence in the jurisdiction where it occurred outside of B.C. that would also have been an offence under federal or provincial legislation had it occurred here. A civil forfeiture action must be commenced within 10 years of the date of the related unlawful activity.

PROVING A FORFEITURE CLAIM

To succeed with a claim for civil forfeiture, the government must prove that property is either proceeds or an instrument of unlawful activity.

"Proceeds" are property acquired directly or indirectly from unlawful activity.

An *"instrument"* is property used to engage in unlawful activity that resulted in, or is likely to result in, the acquisition of property or cause serious bodily harm.

REFERRING A FILE

Evidence and information gathered in the course of bona fide criminal investigations can subsequently be used in civil proceedings.

The CFO has information-sharing agreements in place with the RCMP and all B.C. municipal police agencies. Police are authorized to share information, but do not need to share confidential information (source) or personal information of unrelated parties (e.g., witnesses).

CFO Successes to 2016:

3700 Referrals

2400 Forfeitures

\$64 MILLION Forfeited

\$25.5 MILLION paid in community crime prevention grants: *youth gang prevention, human trafficking, drug awareness and domestic violence are key priorities.*

\$1.7 MILLION paid in compensation to victims of unlawful activity.

\$3.5 MILLION paid to assist police departments in obtaining specialized equipment or for specialized training programs.

Please also see the B.C. Civil Forfeiture Office's website: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/crime-prevention/civil-forfeiture-office>

Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:40 AM
To: 'Anna.MehlerPaperny@thomsonreuters.com'
Subject: RE: BC Corrections stats

Hi Anna –

We're still in caretaker mode following the election and may not be able to provide an update yet.

(We're limited to web-posted material and public safety information.)

Will check and see what's available.

Cheers

Kate

From: Anna.MehlerPaperny@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:Anna.MehlerPaperny@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: BC Corrections stats

Hi Kate,

Hope you're doing well. I'm still working on this story and just wanted to check: Are these statistics still correct? Possible to get updated stats for 2017?

Thanks so much,

Anna

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX [mailto:Kate.Trotter@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: February-10-17 7:28 PM
To: Mehler Paperny, Anna (Reuters News)
Subject: BC Corrections stats

Hi Anna

Here is the information you requested; as mentioned earlier, statistics are reported on an annual basis.

The names of the correctional centres in the table below are on this page:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/corrections/correctional-centres>

North Fraser Pre-Trial and Surrey Pretrial Services Centre are the main remand facilities in the province.

I hope the formatting makes it through to you – if it comes through jumbled, let me know and I'll send again.

Regards

Kate

• Deaths in provincial institutions, by institution, date, inmate gender and cause of death, from January 2012 through January 2017.

- Any death in a B.C. correctional centre is taken extremely seriously.

- The RCMP are immediately notified to investigate, as is the BC Coroners Service. As well, BC Corrections may investigate to make recommendations to reduce the likelihood of a similar incident.
- The numbers below include all causes of death in custody, including natural, accidental, suicide, homicide or undetermined.

Deaths by Correctional Centre

| Correctional Centre | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| ACCW | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FMCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRCC | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| KRCC | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| NCC | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NFPC | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| PGRCC | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| SPSC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| VIRCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

- Assaults in provincial institutions, by month and institution, from January 2012 through January, 2017.

Incidents of Inmate-on-Inmate Assaults by Correctional Centre

- BC Corrections doesn't tolerate violent incidents – each one is reviewed and, where appropriate, reported to police, and inmates can be charged internally or face criminal charges.
- Our staffing model is based on flexibility and movement, with inmates housed in living units appropriate to their risk assessments and staffing levels set accordingly.
- Security measures, building designs, information-sharing, good case management and staffing models all contribute to the safe management of inmates and the protection of staff.
- As well, now that the Okanagan Correctional Centre is operational, it will increase capacity and safety across the system by providing staff with more options to place inmates with complex needs and behavioural issues, and separate those with known conflicts.
- It's important to understand that "assaults" include all incidents that result in some degree of intentional physical contact or force, such as throwing items, spitting, scratching, pushing or hitting.

| Correctional Centre | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|---------------|
| ACCW | 3 | 26 | 17 | 28 | 27 | Not available |
| FMCC | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 8 | Not available |
| FRCC | 102 | 119 | 64 | 100 | 120 | Not available |
| KRCC | 57 | 69 | 69 | 80 | 111 | Not available |
| NCC | 15 | 9 | 9 | 16 | 10 | Not available |
| NFPC | 137 | 211 | 96 | 159 | 159 | Not available |
| PGRCC | 51 | 78 | 65 | 106 | 121 | Not available |

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|--------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|---------------|
| SPSC | 60 | 51 | 125 | 194 | 196 | Not available |
| VIRCC | 81 | 94 | 87 | 95 | 118 | Not available |

• Use-of-force incidents in provincial institutions, by month and institution, from January 2012 through January 2017.

- Correctional officers are peace officers under the law. They are accountable for their behaviour under the Standards of Conduct for Corrections Branch Employees as well as applicable laws, including the Criminal Code.
- Our officers have extensive training in de-escalation skills and strive to resolve matters, or prevent them from occurring in the first place, by using communication versus force as their first response at all times.
- Correctional officers have a duty to employ good judgment in assessing situations to determine if use of force is necessary and justifiable, and which level of force is appropriate. All use of force incidents are reported to correctional centre management and BC Corrections Headquarters to be reviewed for policy compliance.
- If there is any concern about the level of force used in an incident, a formal investigation is initiated by the centre management.
- As of May 2013, OC spray was issued to all officers working on living units with secure custody inmates following a WorkSafeBC order. Previously, only first responders, supervisors and officers escorting inmates in the community had access to OC.
- When deploying OC spray, correctional officers have a duty to employ good judgment in assessing situations to determine if use of force is necessary and justifiable, and which level of force is appropriate. Correctional officers must be able to demonstrate that their judgment and perceptions of risk that lead to the use of force—and the force they apply—are reasonable under the circumstances.
- Of the use of force incidents in the table below, 94% pertain to the use of OC spray. Other uses of force include use of a restraint apparatus or baton.
- It should be noted that use of force incidents have decreased 14% from 2015 to 2016.

Use of Force by Correctional Centre

| Correctional Centre | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| ACCW | 0 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 9 |
| FMCC | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FRCC | 15 | 25 | 25 | 40 | 58 |
| KRCC | 29 | 42 | 40 | 28 | 25 |
| NCC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| NFPC | 45 | 53 | 22 | 48 | 40 |
| PGRCC | 22 | 23 | 45 | 30 | 17 |
| SPSC | 12 | 14 | 52 | 96 | 83 |
| VIRCC | 2 | 5 | 21 | 48 | 27 |

• Lockdowns in provincial institutions, by month, institution and duration of lockdown, from January 2012 through January 2017.

- BC Corrections does not track lockdowns in our business information systems as it does not serve any operational purpose.

Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 2:09 PM
To: 'imulgrew@postmedia.com'
Subject: IRP

Hi Ian,

Here are a couple of links to information on Immediate Roadside Prohibition. The information in the second link is not current; once we're out of caretaker mode it will be updated.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/road-safety-rules-and-consequences/publications-legislation-and-data/road-safety-data>
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/factsheet-made-in-bc-law-stops-drinking-drivers-and-saves-lives>

In response to your question about cannabis and IRP, the response is:

The effect of cannabis decriminalization on road safety is part of the work of B.C.'s cross-ministry working group conducting research and policy analysis to inform the future development of the provincial regulatory framework.

Sorry I couldn't be more helpful today.

Regards

Kate

Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2017 1:39 PM
To: 'aproskiw@infonews.ca'
Subject: Clubhouse

Hi Adam

Your request for information was forwarded to me as the media contact for the ministry.

We are still in caretaker status and can only provide information relating to public safety.

However, I can let you know that the clubhouse is subject to an interim preservation order which is available in the Vancouver Court registry, if you wish to follow up.

Regards

Kate

Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:29 AM
To: 'samantha.garvey@cbc.ca'
Subject: Request for interview

Hi Samantha,

Your request to interview Stephanie Macpherson was forwarded to me as I'm the media contact for the ministry, including BC Corrections.

At this time, we are in caretaker mode and can only respond on matters of public safety; therefore must decline your request.

Regards
Kate

Senior Public Affairs Officer
Public Safety & Solicitor General
Ministry of Justice
250 356-6391

Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 12:25 PM
To: 'tholmes@peacearchnews.com'
Subject: RE: Civil Forfeiture Office

Hi Tracy – Yes, I'm still here!

We're in caretaker mode right now so I'm not able to provide much information, but I will check to see if an update is available.

Cheers

Kate

From: tholmes@peacearchnews.com [mailto:tholmes@peacearchnews.com]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Civil Forfeiture Office

Hi Kate,

Not sure if you're still in this position, but I'm looking for an update on the forfeiture proceedings involving a house at 849 Parker Street in White Rock.

This is the story we did when the documents were filed:

<http://www.peacearchnews.com/news/province-seeks-to-seize-white-rock-drug-house/>

It looks like the court file was updated on March 30 this year.
Are you able to share where it's at?

Thank you!

Tracy

Tracy Holmes
Staff Reporter
604-542-7406
<https://www.facebook.com/peacearchnews/>

On Sep 9, 2016, at 2:48 PM, Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX <Kate.Trotter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Tracy –

No one is available for an interview, but this information should address your questions.

We're providing it as background, so if attribution is needed, please use Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General as I'm not a spokesperson.

If you have follow-up questions, drop us a line – s.22

will direct you to my sub.

Cheers

Kate

- B.C.'s Civil Forfeiture Act allows government to seek the forfeiture of proceeds and instruments of unlawful activity.
- The law targets the profit motive behind crime and other illegal activities, to ensure – literally – that crime does not pay. Civil actions under the Civil Forfeiture Act are totally separate from criminal law and do not rely on successful criminal prosecutions.
- Forfeiture actions are initiated against property, not people. No criminal record is created and there are no findings of guilt or innocence.
- Evidence and information gathered in the course of bona fide criminal investigations can subsequently be used in civil proceedings.
- The CFO has information-sharing agreements in place with the RCMP and all B.C. municipal police agencies. Police are authorized to share information, but do not need to share confidential information (source) or personal information of unrelated parties (e.g., witnesses).
- Though the Civil Forfeiture Office (CFO) decides whether or not to initiate a civil forfeiture action, in all contested cases, it is up to a B.C. Supreme Court justice to determine – on a balance of probabilities – if property is proceeds or an instrument of unlawful activity and to order its forfeiture.
- To succeed with a claim for civil forfeiture, the government must prove that property is either proceeds or an instrument of unlawful activity.
- “Proceeds” are property acquired directly or indirectly from unlawful activity; an “instrument” is property used to engage in unlawful activity that resulted in, or is likely to result in, the acquisition of property or cause serious bodily harm.

Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 2:25 PM
To: 'Joe Fries'
Subject: RE: Penticton trials moving to Kelowna

Hi Joe –

As we're still in caretaker mode, I'm not certain that I'll be able to provide any information at this time. Will check to see if there is anything available.

Cheers

Kate

From: Joe Fries [<mailto:joe.fries@pentictonherald.ca>]
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 2:00 PM
To: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Subject: Penticton trials moving to Kelowna

Hi Kate:

There's a simmering issue in the Penticton legal community regarding B.C. Supreme Court trials being shifted to Kelowna due to lack of court resources here. Sorry for the short notice, but is there anything the ministry wants to say about this? The lawyer has suggested it's a deliberate strategy to centralize operations in Kelowna and eventually close the Penticton courthouse altogether. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thanks. Joe

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@JoeFries

Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX

From: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 1:37 PM
To: 'White, Patrick'
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail request -- segregation review

Hi -- Checked, unfortunately there's nothing to which I can direct you.
Regards
Kate

From: White, Patrick [<mailto:PatrickWhite@globeandmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Globe and Mail request -- segregation review

Understood. Many thanks for looking into it.

----- Original message -----

From: "Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX" <Kate.Trotter@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2017-06-02 10:53 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: "White, Patrick" <PatrickWhite@globeandmail.com>
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail request -- segregation review

Hi Patrick,
Until government is in place we're in caretaker mode and are limited in the information we can provide.
I will see what is available to provide and will get back to you asap.
Regards
Kate

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

From: White, Patrick [<mailto:PatrickWhite@globeandmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Trotter, Kate GCPE:EX
Subject: Globe and Mail request -- segregation review

Hi Kate,

I understand that B.C. is currently conducting a review of its segregation practices in provincial jails/prisons. Would it be possible to talk to anyone today about the scope and aims of the review? I've been trying to track segregation reform in the country and this seems a significant development.

Also, B.C. is contributing to a National Segregation Strategy with other correctional systems in the country. I'm hoping I could also ask about the work the province is contributing to this effort.

My deadline is 6pm today.

Best,
Patrick

Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX

From: Hill, Edward GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 4:40 PM
To: van Marum, Karen GCPE:EX; Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX
Cc: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX; Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX; Keast, Gordon GCPE:EX; Pocock, Sharon GCPE:EX; Cowan, Cale GCPE:EX; Nash, Laurel ABR:EX; Scott, Douglas S ABR:EX; French, Shawna ABR:EX
Subject: MARR: End of Day Media Request Report

Yvette Brend - CBC - Vancouver
ISSUE: Bluberry River injunction ruling
STATUS: Declined to Comment

- Government is aware of the ruling but cannot comment at this time due to being in the caretaker mode of government.

Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX

From: Hill, Edward GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: MARR Media Request: Bluberry River injunction ruling

Thank you.

From: Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 4:37 PM
To: Hill, Edward GCPE:EX
Cc: Ritchie, Leanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: MARR Media Request: Bluberry River injunction ruling
Reporter has been given this response

Lisa Leslie
250 213-7724

On Jun 6, 2017, at 4:27 PM, Hill, Edward GCPE:EX <Edward.Hill@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

A number of responses are now saying "cannot comment at this time due to being in the caretaker mode of government."

Reporter

Yvette Brend, Reporter
CBC - Vancouver
yvette.brend@cbc.ca
604-662-6189 c: 604-219-5225

Deadline ASAP

Request

Reporter wants to verify her understanding of the court ruling which denied Blueberry River First Nations' injunction application.

Reporter has placed a call to provincial counsel who referred her to GCPE.

Recommendation

- Government is aware of the ruling but cannot comment at this time due to being in the caretaker mode of government.

Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Trumpy, Chris MEM:EX
Cc: Dobinson, Neal MEM:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request: Business in Vancouver on mining exploration...

good

From: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Trumpy, Chris MEM:EX
Cc: Dobinson, Neal MEM:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request: Business in Vancouver on mining exploration...

OK. Here's what I'm sending Matt for approval. Thanks Chris and Neal.

Reporter: Nelson Bennett - Business in Vancouver

Deadline: Thursday, July 13, 2017 4:00 PM

Request: I'm working on a story about the revitalization of the junior exploration sector. I'm wondering if there is a data base, maybe through Open Data, that I can search to find out things like new mineral exploration permits. I'm just trying to get some sense of the activity in BC in, say, the last six months or year compared to previous years for exploration. Drilling permits maybe?

I'm just looking for something that will tell me how much activity has been going on compared to previous years, either in permits issued or money spent.

Is there anything you can point me to?

Recommendation: Have GCPE provide information on background by email (or verbally).

Response:

- For information about exploration spending in B.C., please see: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/mineral-exploration-mining/further-information/statistics/exploration-spending>
- The Ministry of Energy and Mines collects spending data on an annual, calendar-year basis, we do not have data for the year to date.
- The number of Notice of Work applications received for exploration projects during the first six months of 2017 (173) is up compared to the same period in 2016 (124) and 2015 (130).
- You may want to contact industry associations such as the Association for Mineral Exploration for their perspective.

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Trumpy, Chris MEM:EX; Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX
Cc: Dobinson, Neal MEM:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request: Business in Vancouver on mining exploration...

Thanks. Suntanu. Add the permit info and then run up to Matt for approval.

From: Trumpy, Chris MEM:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Dobinson, Neal MEM:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request: Business in Vancouver on mining exploration...

I spoke with Neal on this we do have the data on permits, the number of Notice of Work applications received for exploration projects during the first six months of 2017 (173) is up compared to the same period in 2016 (124) and 2015 (130).

Up to you guys if you want to share, but if someone asked for this type of info we would normally provide.

From: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Trumpy, Chris MEM:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request: Business in Vancouver on mining exploration...

Chris,

After talking to Dave about this some more, here's what we're thinking our response could be:

- For information about exploration spending in B.C., please see:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/mineral-exploration-mining/further-information/statistics/exploration-spending>
- The Ministry of Energy and Mines collects spending data on an annual, calendar-year basis, we do not have data for the year to date.
- You may want to contact industry associations such as the Association for Mineral Exploration for their perspective.

Is there a publicly-available database of exploration permits?

Any other thoughts?

Thanks,
Suntanu

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Trumpy, Chris MEM:EX
Cc: Lucas, Jennifer GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request: Business in Vancouver on mining exploration...

okay

From: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Trumpy, Chris MEM:EX
Cc: Lucas, Jennifer GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request: Business in Vancouver on mining exploration...

Reworked messaging:

- ~~B.C.'s mining exploration sector is feeling confident again.~~

- The Association for Mineral Exploration reports that after a rough three to five years, there are now signs of a turnaround with investment capital starting to come in.
- With the increase in metal and coal prices last year, a lot more investors are interested in exploration companies, particularly those in B.C.
- ~~Mineral exploration has grown exponentially since 2001. In 2001, exploration spending was \$29.1 million and In 2016, exploration spending it was \$205 million.~~
- Spending on advanced mine development projects remains strong, which is a positive sign that investors remain confident in the long-term potential of mining in B.C.
- In 2016, B.C. accounted for approximately 14% of all exploration spending in Canada.; ~~in 2001 that figure was less than 6%.~~
- ~~Since 2011, more than \$2.4 billion has been spent on mineral exploration in B.C.~~
- For information about the mining lifecycle (i.e., exploration, development, operation and closure), visit: <http://mines.nrs.gov.bc.ca/lifecycle>

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Trumpy, Chris MEM:EX
Cc: Lucas, Jennifer GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request: Business in Vancouver on mining exploration...

Suntanu – this is promotional. Needs to be neutral in tone. Please rework.

From: Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Trumpy, Chris MEM:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Lucas, Jennifer GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request: Business in Vancouver on mining exploration...

Hi Chris,

Please see the media request below.

Is there some publicly-available source of info we can point Nelson to?

I'm aware of this data: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/mineral-exploration-mining/further-information/statistics/exploration-spending>

Is it only reported annually, or are there quarterly updates?

Also, back in March we provided the CBC with extensive information about mining in B.C. One part dealt with exploration (see messaging below), though since we're still in caretaker mode, I would think we probably couldn't/wouldn't provide the messaging now.

Mining Exploration in B.C.

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- For information about the mining lifecycle (i.e., exploration, development, operation and closure), visit: <http://mines.nrs.gov.bc.ca/lifecycle>

Would love to hear any ideas you have.

I'll come by to discuss shortly.

Thanks,
Suntanu

On Jul 12, 2017, at 3:41 PM, Nelson Bennett <nbennett@biv.com<<mailto:nbennett@biv.com>>> wrote:

Suntanu:

I'm working on a story about the revitalization of the junior exploration sector. I'm wondering if there is a data base, maybe through Open Data, that I can search to find out things like new mineral exploration permits. I'm just trying to get some sense of the activity in BC in, say, the last six months or year compared to previous years for exploration. Drilling permits maybe?

I'm just looking for something that will tell me how much activity has been going on compared to previous years, either in permits issued or money spent.

Is there anything you can point me to?

--

Nelson Bennett

Reporter

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Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Wallace-Deering, Eric MNGD:EX; Denniston, Tristan M MEM:EX
Cc: Gilmore, Dan GCPE:EX; Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Media Requests to BCH and MEM requests - FYI

Tristan – FYI below is the final statement provided by BCH to Justine on review of Site C by BCUC:

BC Hydro is focused on the daily operation, maintenance and expansion of our electricity supply system to provide British Columbians with low-cost, reliable and clean energy, safely. As a crown corporation, we follow shareholder direction and do not comment on government policy.

From: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 9:09 AM
To: Wallace-Deering, Eric MEM:EX; Denniston, Tristan M MEM:EX
Cc: Gilmore, Dan GCPE:EX; Dalal, Suntanu GCPE:EX; Grewar, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Requests to BCH and MEM requests - FYI

Tristan. Below is the draft BCH statement regarding the request on BCUC review of Site C which I've approved:

We are aware of the agreement announced between the NDP and Green party, including the provision to send Site C to the BCUC for review if they form government.

As a crown corporation, it is important for us to respect the process that will play out in the coming weeks, but we do not comment on government policy.

Note BCH responses below on other requests either completed or in progress. I don't ask for or get involved in daily media requests on operational issues such as outages and high river flows. I've also attached the draft IN on the CEEA order on Site C. MEM has not had a media request in a few weeks. Generally – because we continue to be in caretaker status - we do not provide comment unless it's a public safety issue.

Complete

Outlet: CHEK News online
Reporter: Alexa Huffman
Topic: Puntledge River operations - high flows from snowmelt
Status: Stephen Watson did interview

Outlet: 2Day FM
Reporter: David Boleland
Topic: Campbell River operations - higher river flows
Status: Stephen Watson did interview

Outlet: 100 Mile Free Press
Reporter: Tara Sprickhoff
Topic: 100 Mile House outages
Status: Dave Mosure provided information

In progress

Outlet: Globe and Mail
Reporter: Justine Hunter

Topic: latest Site C job numbers and load forecast
Status: response in approval

Outlet: CJDC - TV (Dawson Creek)
Reporter: Hugh Smith
Topic: Site C looking for comment on the project being sent to BCUC for review
Status: response in approval

Outlet: Moose FM / Energeticcity.ca
Reporter: Chris Newton
Topic: Site C project CEAA Order related to erosion and sediment control
Status: response in approval

Reporter

Bob Mackin, Reporter

Freelancer

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Deadline ASAP

Follow-up request:

April (the month you said the figures would be available) has passed, the election is over, and the house is back in session. Could you please send me the information I originally sought, but was omitted from the news release, about costs for each of the 2016 trade missions?

Background:

This is a follow-up to the reporter's original request in Jan 2017 following the release of a new release about trade mission successes.

Original Request Jan 10, 2017:

"Regarding the news release issued [Jan. 10 re: trade mission success] about last year's trade missions, could you please send me a list of the cost breakdowns for each of the trips, the lists of the provincial officials who attended each trip and the names and affiliations (businesses and organizations) of the persons who were in each delegation?"

Our Response:

- The ministry is still compiling costs for the 2016 trade missions.
- These costs will be proactively released in 2017 and posted on the ministry's website, as they are each year.
- In the interest of openness and transparency, the B.C. government is committed to publicly releasing costs incurred from the trade missions.
- These trade missions are cost-effective, with a minimum of support staff and travel.

Recommendation: Provide response below on background.

Given we remain in caretaker mode; the information you requested will be released during public accounts.

Mulholland, Lauren GCPE:EX

From: Bob Mackin, Jr. <bob.mackin@me.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Mulholland, Lauren GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Your Request: Trade Mission Costs

What is the policy that you claim to be working under?

Please send it to me in full.

I maintain it does not exist and you are simply helping the BC Liberal Party and cabinet to avoid reasonable scrutiny. Caretaker mode ended after the writ period.

On Jun 23, 2017, at 12:01 PM, Mulholland, Lauren GCPE:EX <Lauren.Mulholland@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello Bob:

Please accept the information below as background only:

Given we remain in caretaker mode, the information you requested will be released during public accounts.

Kind regards,
Lauren

Lauren Mulholland

Communications Manager

Government Communications and Public Engagement

Ministry of International Trade & Responsible for Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism

Off: 250 356-0613 Cell: 250 889-3922

Thorkelson, Meaghan GCPE:EX

From: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:25 PM
To: Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX; Wey, Melody GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Flagging Andrew Kurjata, CBC Radio Prince George

Yes, let him know that we are still in it. M – please notify program that this request is coming down the pipe still, eventually.

From: Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Schollen, Tasha GCPE:EX
Subject: Flagging Andrew Kurjata, CBC Radio Prince George

This reporter has emailed regarding a previous request to have a list for all of the 34 locations where no camping signs were installed. Are you ok if I call him back and explain that we are still operating in caretaker mode?

From: Andrew Kurjata [<mailto:andrew.kurjata@cbc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Attn: Andrew Kurjata, CBC Radio Prince George

Hi - I'm following up on this as I believe that we are no longer in caretaker mode.

Thank you.

On Fri, Jun 2, 2017 at 10:25 AM, Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Andrew .. just left you a message. Are you free this a.m. regarding this follow up question? Thx in advance, Joanne

Joanne Whittier

Communications Manager

Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services

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From: Andrew Kurjata [<mailto:andrew.kurjata@cbc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 7:27 AM
To: Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Attn: Andrew Kurjata, CBC Radio Prince George

Can I have a list of the 34 locations the signs were installed? Thank you.

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 4:02 PM, Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX <Joanne.Whittier@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Andrew: below is background info (not for attribution) in response to your inquiry regarding why no camping signs were put up at the Prince George Courthouse.

Best, Joanne

Joanne Whittier

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Background information:

- In 2016, the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services installed no camping signs at prominently located, provincially-owned buildings in 34 communities to clarify that camping is not appropriate at these locations.
- These signs were put up to ensure that these government buildings and lands remain available for the benefit and use of all citizens.

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Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 9:56 AM
To: 'Michelle Eliot'
Subject: RE: CBC Radio

Hi Michelle,

We will not be issuing statements at this time as we are in caretaker mode until the government is determined.

For now I can only direct you to the publicly available information I sent in my last email.

Please call or email if you have any questions.

All the best,
Craig

From: Michelle Eliot [<mailto:michelle.eliot@cbc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: CBC Radio

Hi there Craig,

I know government is in a bit of a limbo at the moment, but I'm wondering if I could get a statement about First Nations Education.

We're running a series called Everyday Racism on On the Coast, and I'm working on a story about systemic racism faced by indigenous kids in the education system.

The comments I've collected are around lack of aboriginal history and culture in the curriculum, and teachers who aren't sufficiently aware of the needs of aboriginal students, with those factors contributing to lower graduation rates among indigenous students.

The comments say there is progress in the province, with regard to more inclusion in the curriculum, and more school districts making efforts to increase their rates. But they also say that progress is slow.

I'm wondering if I could obtain a statement regarding what is being done to increase aboriginal components in education, and increase graduation rates among indigenous students.

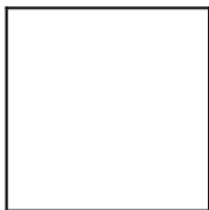
Thanks very much,

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Journalist,
CBC Radio One: On the Coast @CBCOntheCoast / BC Almanac @bcalmanac

www.cbc.ca/bc

604-662-6138



Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 4:24 PM
To: Holme, Matt EDUC:EX
Cc: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX; Gordon, Matt GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: EDUC Follow-up Media Request: District funding -- Maple Ridge

I can let him know the link is live at around 5:15 once I see it's online.

I can also call and let the reporter know that because we are in caretaker mode, we won't be commenting further.

Does that work?

Subject: EDUC Follow-up Media Request: District funding -- Maple Ridge

Reporter

Sean Boynton, Reporter
Maple Ridge News
sean.boynton@mapleridgenews.com
604-396-2271

Deadline ASAP

Request

my contact with the school district just broke the news to me that the funding has been approved. I assume this was the announcement you teased to me earlier today. If it's possible to get a reaction from the minister or the ministry in general about the delay in the announcement (re. why there was a delay and how that might have affected planning for the next school year) I'd appreciate it.

Background

This is a follow-up to a media request from June 21, 2017.

REQUEST:

Reporter: This pertains to funding that was promised to the school districts in accordance to the Supreme Court ruling. The province gave a base sum to all the districts and said any district needing more would have to make a request. SD42 put in that request, and are now saying the wait has become too much to bear, having to turn students away from catchment schools and unsure of what to plan for come 2017-18.

With the government in somewhat of a limbo state, it appears the ministry is delaying making a decision on this until after the legislature meets tomorrow and we know for sure what the future government will look like. A couple promised deadlines for the approval have also come and gone.

Just want a comment from the minister (or ministry) about when a decision can be expected on additional funding, and why the ministry decided to wait to make this decision.

I know this is somewhat short notice but I'm hoping to have this written up by later today

RESPONSE:

Declined to Comment

Told the reporter that we will try get him information as soon as we can.

Recommendation

Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Holme, Matt EDUC:EX
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX; Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: EDUC Media Request: Custodian survey

We cannot comment at this time. Direction from the PO.
Matt

From: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX; Holme, Matt EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: EDUC Media Request: Custodian survey

- Custodians are employed by school districts.
- The BC government is providing \$5.9 million to school districts this year.
- That's more than adequate funding for them to ensure clean schools for BC students.

Brett

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:38 AM
To: Holme, Matt EDUC:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: EDUC Media Request: Custodian survey

FYI: This is not something I can see the Ministry commenting on at the moment.

From: Craig Sorochan [<mailto:Craig.Sorochan@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 10:37 AM
To: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: EDUC Media Request: Custodian survey

Reporter

Martin MacMahon, Reporter
News 1130
martin.macmahon@rci.rogers.com
604-877-4400 c: 604-834-1831

Deadline ASAP

Request

Reporter: Not sure what the situation is right now given we're in a sort of government limbo – but we'll be running a story about custodians concerns about school cleanliness (CUPE survey) and I'm hoping for someone to comment on a government perspective if that's possible.

55.4 percent of custodians say they can't maintain schools as they would like – increased/unrealistic expectations is one of the factors cited.

Our newsroom line is 604-877-4400 if someone can speak on this.

Thanks in advance for your help with this.

Here's the full news release outlining CUPE's survey:

BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA--(Marketwired - May 15, 2017) - Preliminary results from a survey of CUPE custodians throughout B.C. indicate that a startling number of janitors-55.4 per cent-are not able to maintain schools to meet their own expectations for a clean, safe and healthy school environment. CUPE issued the comprehensive survey in March after increasing reports of an alarming number of conditions affecting the cleanliness of K-12 schools. Many school caretakers have detailed degradation in cleaning standards as a result of chronic cuts to public education. Some of the issues they identified include not having enough time to complete their work (47.6 per cent); larger areas assigned with less time allotted (57.5 per cent / 50 per cent); and little or no coverage or work insufficiently done when custodians are absent (83.3 per cent). As well, more than half of respondents reported experiencing stress-related injuries and illness. A whopping 72.4 per cent reported that some cleaning is simply left undone because of increased or unrealistic workloads. Many custodians reported doing unpaid work because it is personally important to them that schools are clean. CUPE BC has set up a web page, www.schoolsareamess.ca, with a toll-free number, 1-844-888-MESS, for custodians and the public to share their stories. "These results should be shocking to the public, but they are an every-day reality for our members--who see firsthand the harmful effects of chronic underfunding that extend beyond classroom instruction," said CUPE BC President Paul Faoro. "We will continue to stand up for cleaner schools for B.C.'s children and improved conditions for our members." A final report will be issued once the survey is closed and results have been tabulated.

Background

Recommendation

Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Deborah Stewart <deborahs@bcpsea.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1:46 PM
To: Draper, Kindree PSEC:EX; Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Cc: Pauliszyn, Robert PSEC:EX; Ahn, Sohee EDUC:EX; Dawson, Ken PSEC:EX; Godin, Keith EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST — The Squamish Chief newspaper — RE: teachers dispute

Great – works for me.

From: Draper, Kindree PSEC:EX [mailto:Kindree.Draper@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: May-31-17 1:45 PM
To: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX; Deborah Stewart
Cc: Pauliszyn, Robert PSEC:EX; Ahn, Sohee EDUC:EX; Dawson, Ken PSEC:EX; Godin, Keith EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST — The Squamish Chief newspaper — RE: teachers dispute

Fair enough – thanks Craig. No action needed

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Draper, Kindree PSEC:EX; 'Deborah Stewart'
Cc: Pauliszyn, Robert PSEC:EX; Ahn, Sohee EDUC:EX; Dawson, Ken PSEC:EX; Godin, Keith EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST — The Squamish Chief newspaper — RE: teachers dispute

Hi,

Please do not move this forward.

We connected with the reporter and as “caretakers” we are not commenting.

Thanks,
Craig

From: Draper, Kindree PSEC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1:42 PM
To: 'Deborah Stewart'
Cc: Pauliszyn, Robert PSEC:EX; Ahn, Sohee EDUC:EX; Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX; Dawson, Ken PSEC:EX; Godin, Keith EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: MEDIA REQUEST — The Squamish Chief newspaper — RE: teachers dispute

Hi Deborah

Thanks for this. We have discussed and would like you to direct the reporter to his local school district board office for comment. Government is still unable to comment while this election period is still active.

In addition, consistent with other specific district issues that have been raised at the local level, for instance, I'm thinking Sooke SD specifically, and I've seen the district superintendents responding to these situations. In that case, Kevin tried to explain that they were over the ratios for the specialist teachers and therefore, had to make decisions to meet the implementation of the MOA language. This won't make a lot of sense to parents though, but perhaps if they spent some time explaining it to the reporter, then it would be an opportunity.

Would that be okay with redirecting him?

Copying Education for awareness.

From: Deborah Stewart [<mailto:deborahs@bcpsea.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Draper, Kindree PSEC:EX
Cc: Pauliszyn, Robert PSEC:EX
Subject: FW: MEDIA REQUEST — The Squamish Chief newspaper — RE: teachers dispute

Hi Kindree and Robert. Please see the media request below, which we are referring to you for response.

I have not yet advised the reporter we have forwarded to you – please let me know if you want me to provide him with a specific name/contact info.

Thanks,
Deborah

From: Steven Chua [<mailto:steven@squamishchief.com>]
Sent: May-31-17 12:43 PM
To: Deborah Stewart
Subject: MEDIA REQUEST — The Squamish Chief newspaper — RE: teachers dispute

Hi Deborah,

I'm Steven Chua, a reporter with The Chief.

I'm wondering if I can get comment on what the BC Teachers' Federation are calling a 1/3 cut to the following services:

- teacher counsellors
- librarians
- special ed resource
- learning assistance
- teachers of english language learners.

They're saying that because itinerant teachers are included in the restoration order for non-enrolling teachers, those itinerant teachers are displacing the above services I listed.

The BCTF is hoping the number of itinerant teachers can be raised without displacing the above services.

Curious if I could talk to someone about that?

Thanks for your time,

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Steven Chua
Reporter
The Squamish Chief newspaper
Office: 604-892-9161 x226

Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 11:40 AM
To: 'Daphnee Dion-Viens'; Hawkes, Mark EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: media request from Quebec city

Hi Daphne,

We will not be issuing statements at this time as we are in caretaker mode until the government here in B.C. is determined.

For now I can only direct you to the publicly available information:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016PREM0065-000994>

\$6 million to help connect students with coding, new curriculum and computers

Coding, teacher training readies students, educators for new curriculum

Each district will decide when students, between grades 6 to 9, will do the coding module which forms part of the Applied Design, Skills and Technologies curriculum.

Part of the funding will allow a number of key educators in every district to get intensive training and become the trainers in their own communities, for their own colleagues.

Coding curriculum is now available for B.C. teachers and students as part of the new and redesigned Applied Design, Skills and Technologies curriculum, launched in fall 2015.

Last year, a wide-ranging support plan was introduced so teachers get the information and training they need to bring B.C.'s new curriculum to life in their classrooms. The support plan included \$1 million to fund targeted training this school year, as well as dedicated time.

New Kindergarten to Grade 9 curriculum will be fully implemented in classrooms in fall 2016.

Draft curriculum for grades 10 to 12 is ready for teachers to use in classrooms in the 2016-17 school year and will be fully implemented in 2017-18.

The Ministry of Education is working directly with more than 250 teachers on 20 curriculum teams to develop the new curriculum.

The new curriculum fits in with the key goals of B.C.'s Skills for Jobs Blueprint to re-engineer education to ensure young people have the skills they need for in-demand careers.

From: Daphnee Dion-Viens [<mailto:daphnee.dion-viens@quebecormedia.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Hawkes, Mark EDUC:EX
Cc: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: media request from Quebec city

Hello Mark,

I'm an education reporter working with Le Journal de Québec, a daily newspaper based in Quebec city. I'm interested in how BC is implementing coding in the classroom, since the ministry of Education in Quebec is thinking about making the same step within the next year.

I've talked to Juliet Waters from Kids Code Jeunesse who suggests to get in touch with you in order to find out more about the ministry's plan in term of training teachers about computer programming for next year. From what I understand, the implementation is flexible and may vary according to schools. Could you tell me more about the implementation calendar (ie. when coding will be compulsory for all students according to the grades) and who will teach it in ADST (generalist or specialist teachers)?

I'm also copying Craig Sorochoan, who is public affair officer at the ministry. I've been in touch with him a couple of weeks ago.

Thanks for your collaboration, best regards,

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Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Edwardson, Jamie GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Shaw

We can direct Rob to the notional funding allotments in the 2017/18 Operating Grants Manuals??

Publicly available here:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/resource-management/k-12-funding-and-allocation/operating-grants/k12funding-17-18>

From: Edwardson, Jamie GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Cc: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Shaw

Yeah he basically wants to know if the funding for new hiring that bernier announced in march and that was provided for in the budget is happening. I was tempted to say that if it wasn't, you'd be hearing about it from the BCTF. But I didn't.

From: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, June 5, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Edwardson, Jamie GCPE:EX
Cc: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Shaw

Right now in "caretaker mode" we can probably only refer him to a website fact sheet on funding

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 5, 2017, at 11:48 AM, Edwardson, Jamie GCPE:EX <Jamie.Edwardson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Rob called me to ask about educ funding for districts from Budget. I suggested he needs to talk to you because I'm not sure what the mechanics are. Give me a call if you want to discuss though

Jamie Edwardson

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Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 2:15 PM
To: van Marum, Karen GCPE:EX; Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX
Cc: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX; Ralph, Kerri GCPE:EX; Penner, Emily GCPE:EX; Brooke, Daisy GCPE:EX
Subject: EDUC: End of Day Media Request Report - Thursday, June 1

Katie Hyslop - The Tyee

ISSUE: Curriculum – exams

QUESTION: The reporter was wondering how exams will work under the new curriculum?

STATUS: Declined to Comment

- Directed the reporter to the Pathways to Graduation website where the information pertaining to her request is: <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/graduation-info>

Dirk Meissner - Canadian Press (BC Bureau)

ISSUE: Senate report on French education in BC

QUESTION: The reporter was wondering if anyone from the Ministry is able to comment on the findings and recommendations from the report.

STATUS: Declined to Comment

- Informed the reporter that we won't comment at this time.

Genevieve Milord - CBC French TV

ISSUE: Senate French education report

QUESTION: I would love to speak to someone at the ministry of Education regarding the reason why the ministry did refuse to be part in the study link to access to French education in BC?

Why? And does the ministry plan to follow the recommendation that includes a lot of collaboration with the French community to open doors to French education in BC?

STATUS: Declined to Comment

- Informed the reporter we cannot provide comment because we are in caretaker mode.

Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:28 PM
Subject: EDUC: End of Day Media Request Report

Tess Van straaten - CHEK TV - Victoria

ISSUE: TRB ruling

STATUS: Declined to Comment

- We did not comment and directed the reporter to the TRB website.

Steven Chua - Squamish Chief

ISSUE: BCTF claims

STATUS: Declined to Comment

- Let the reporter know that we are in caretaker mode and unable to comment.

Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, June 2, 2017 3:28 PM
To: 'Hager, Mike'
Subject: Following up

Mike,

Answers to questions 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 are below. All answers are from publicly available information.

Questions 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 are not answerable because we are in caretaker mode, and are marked with **NA**.

1) What did the Ministry do with anonymous warnings dating back to Jan. 23 this year that Korean immigration would be targeting CBIS teachers?

a) Why were teachers not informed of these potential problems earlier?

b) Why did inspector Doug Lauson tell teachers their school was functioning fine and would be OK in the future when he visited the school a week before the immigration crackdown began in April?

- **NA**

2) Why did the school pass an October 2016 inspection when the school was operating without a proper business licence in Korea?

- **NA**

3) Why did inspectors Henry Content and Dez McKay praise the school's business administration in their October 2016 report when 3 Head Teachers alleged they spent 2 hours with the inspectors expressing deep concerns about administrative problems and verbal abuse from business administration to teaching staff?

- **NA**

4) How are inspectors hired and trained? What qualifications must they possess?

- Expired BC Bid Request for Qualification for Offshore School Inspectors (Click on Supplier Attachment) : http://www.bcbid.ca/open.dll/showDisplayDocument?sessionID=586452601&language=En&disID=29638622&docType=Tender&doc_search_by=Tend&fromEmail=yes

5) Why did Ministry after the school's October 2016 inspection not penalize CBIS for not having a full-time principal since the spring of that year?

- **NA**

6) Why was the school allowed to hire Lowell Jackie as principal when he was not certified in B.C.?

- Operating Manual for Offshore Schools (page 24): <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/internationaleducation/operatingmanual.pdf>

APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

At any point in the school year, a teacher employed to teach in the B.C. program must hold a valid TRB certificate or have a certification application in progress and have a valid exemption letter of approval from the Director of the International Education Branch. This applies for all teachers on the first day of the school year, and for new teachers hired at any point during the school year.

An exemption may be approved for a teacher who still has requirements to meet or documentation to submit. The exemption will be approved for 8 weeks, and it is expected that all requirements will be met within the 8-week exemption period.

7) Why did the MoE make Lowell Jackie the school's BC Offshore Rep/Ministry Liaison even though he was not qualified?

- NA

8) What is the exact job description of the BC Offshore Rep/Ministry Liaison?

- Operating Manual for Offshore Schools (page 15):
http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/international_education/operatingmanual.pdf

OFFSHORE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE AND MINISTRY LIAISON DUTIES

Offshore School Representatives and Ministry Liaisons must serve as the primary liaison between Owners/Operators the Ministry, including representing Owners/Operators legally in dealings with the Ministry. The following are the liaison duties for the Offshore School Representative/Ministry Liaison:

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| • acting as the primary contact to liaise and communicate with the Ministry in a timely manner | • ensuring all annual reporting and data reporting requirements are met |
| • effectively managing and resolving complaints to the satisfaction of the Ministry | • ensuring the Owner/Operator recruits and hires qualified and competent personnel (see page 27) |
| • participating in and supporting the inspection team in conducting school inspections or audits | • attending information sessions organized by the Ministry, and |
| • actively working with the Owner/Operator to ensure compliance with all agreement requirements, including working with the Principal and teachers to ensure that the Owner/Operator's accountabilities and timelines are clearly understood and fulfilled | • working with the Owner/Operator, Principal and teachers to address the Ministry's recommendations and requirements pertaining to the school |

9) Are ministry liaisons paid for by the offshore schools themselves?

- NA

10) Do the offshore schools pay for the inspections from ministry contractors like Doug Lauson?

- Operating Manual for Offshore Schools (page 9):
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/education/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/international-education/operatingmanual.pdf>

The Inspection Process 4

The inspection process for B.C. Offshore Schools ensures the high standard of quality educational programs. During inspection, a team of inspectors appointed by the Ministry will inspect the offshore school's administration, program studies and facilities to ensure adherence to the Certification Agreement.

Annual inspections are conducted at the expense of Owners/Operators. The Ministry may also conduct random, unannounced inspections.

11) What is the ministry doing to support the two remaining BC-Certified teachers still “stuck” at CBIS teaching (Jenny Bae and Grace Lee)?

- NA

12) What is the ministry doing to help other Offshore schools facing similar problems in Korea?

- May 25th update on website: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/kindergarten-to-grade-12/international-education/offshore-schools/certified-offshore-schools>

May 25, 2017 Update:

- The South Korean immigration department has decided to issue departure orders to teachers holding Visa's from two B.C. offshore schools, CBIS and WCA.
- Our understanding is that 11 schools, including schools from other jurisdictions such as U.S.A and U.K may also be affected.
- B.C. has been working with senior Korean diplomats from the Consulate General of Korea in Vancouver office and the Canadian Embassy in Seoul in an effort to resolve this issue.
- The Ministry is posting this web update to raise awareness for current and interested teachers that the Korean government is reviewing teacher visa's, specifically E2 visa's.
- Questions regarding Visa's should be directed to your potential employer or the Canadian Embassy.
- Updates will be provided as new information is received and verified.
- The Ministry of Education is currently undertaking a quality and regulatory review of BC Offshore school program operations in South Korea to ensure all schools are in full compliance. It is expected this review will be completed in July 2017, at which point further details will be posted.

Smith, Justin GCPE:EX

From: Sorochan, Craig GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Cc: Penner, Emily GCPE:EX
Subject: Fwd: Funding

I can call him when the bulletin goes out and let him know we are in caretaker mode.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sean Boynton <sean.boynton@mapleridgenews.com>
Date: June 21, 2017 at 3:27:10 PM PDT
To: <Craig.Sorochan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Funding

Hi Craig, my contact with the school district just broke the news to me that the funding has been approved. I assume this was the announcement you teased to me earlier today. If it's possible to get a reaction from the minister or the ministry in general about the delay in the announcement (re. why there was a delay and how that might have affected planning for the next school year) I'd appreciate it.

Thanks!

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