

Requested	Reporter	Outlet	Topic	Request Details	Deadline	Responded	Resolution	Response
2017-09-20 17:45	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Seismic Safety	Reporter looking for background information on the number of school seismic upgrades completed and in progress.	ASAP	2017-09-20 21:03	Provided Statement	<p>"What happened in Mexico City is a tragedy. My thoughts and condolences go out to the families of people who are impacted and those who've lost loved ones. There are many international students from Mexico studying in BC that may have families at home impacted by this.</p> <p>This serves as a reminder that we live in an earthquake zone and all of us need to focus on being prepared. That includes working to improve our public infrastructure, including schools.</p> <p>I know that school districts routinely prepare for such incidents, and in the weeks and months ahead we will review our emergency response plans.</p> <p>The safety of British Columbians is a top priority for our government. Our government is committed to accelerating the school seismic mitigation program to make sure all our schools are safe for students and teachers. We are working with school boards, and local municipal officials to meet an ambitious timeline, so we can get schools upgraded quickly.</p> <p>We are also working with our partners at the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC to study seismic events around the world and we are continually learning more about how earthquakes affect our coast. We use this information to constantly re-evaluate the seismic risk-ratings of schools."</p> <p>The latest Seismic Mitigation Program Annual Progress Report can be found here: http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/administration/resource-management/capital-planning/seismic-mitigation-program</p> <p>Since then, Minister of Education Rob Fleming has also announced the following seismic upgrade: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017EDUC0097-001514</p>
2017-09-20 20:39	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Seismic Safety	<p>We're getting some conflicting information about how many earthquake warning systems there are installed in BC schools. I've heard anywhere from 0 to 8.</p> <p>Can you let me know the exact number? If you have which schools I'd really appreciate that as well.</p>	ASAP	2017-09-20 23:59	Provided Background	<p>sent this information on background from the Ministry of Education:</p> <p>The Ministry of Education, as part of their ongoing relationship with UBC's Seismic Research, volunteered to pilot early warning seismic devices in some schools.</p> <p>The Ministry's support has helped scientists increase their knowledge of seismic activity in B.C. and helped test Early Warning System devices.</p> <p>However, at this time, the Ministry's primary focus is mitigating high-risk rated schools</p> <p>The public schools with pilot sensors are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Delta Secondary School (Delta) • Ecole Phoenix Middle (Campbell River) • Henderson Elementary (Powell River) • Matsqui Elementary (Abbotsford) • Aberdeen Elementary (Abbotsford) • Barrowtown Elementary (Abbotsford) • Yale Secondary (Abbotsford) • Wellington Secondary (Nanaimo) • Fraser River Middle School (New Westminster)
2017-09-25 19:08	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Naloxone kits in schools	<p>Hi guys</p> <p>We're wondering what the ministry of education plans to do about the resolution 8137 at UBCM – that's the one requesting that the ministry of education mandate that all schools have a plan on what to do in the case of an opioid overdose.</p> <p>Full text below. We're wondering if the minister is in Vancouver for the conference and if he has a moment to address this? Let us know,</p> <p>Jon 604-351-1831</p> <p>B137 Protocols to Respond to Student Drug Overdose on Secondary Maple Ridge School Grounds Whereas Provincial Health Officer Dr. Perry Kendall declared the first public provincial health emergency in Canada on April 14th 2016 in response to the unprecedented rise in illicit drug overdoses across the province; And whereas there are no protocols for naloxone, a lifesaving medication that temporarily reverses the effects of an opioid overdose, available in schools to support teachers and staff in the event of student overdoses while on school property: Therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Health, Minister of Education and Minister of Children and Family Development jointly create provincial standards for middle and secondary schools province wide to address drug use and potential incidents of overdose in BC schools including protocols for training and administration of Naloxone (Narcan). Endorsed by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: Refer to BC School Trustees Association UBCM Resolutions Committee comments: The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial government to develop standards and protocols for teachers and staff to address student drug use and potential incidents of overdose on the property of middle and secondary schools, including training to administer Naloxone (Narcan). The Committee would observe that local government holds no jurisdiction over school district policy or operations. Furthermore, the sponsor has not indicated whether any school district or school trustee in BC has raised the question of overdose prevention and response in BC middle or secondary schools. In the apparent absence of direction from school districts or trustees, the Resolutions Committee would hesitate to support development of drug policy and protocols that could so clearly impact school district policy and operations across the province. Conference decision:</p>	ASAP	2017-09-26 15:45	Provided Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education is key to ensuring students know the risks of potentially deadly drugs like fentanyl. • In January Dr. Perry Kendall, the Provincial Health Officer, helped educate district Safe School Coordinators about this important health issue. • The ministry is also working to ensure schools and education partners have access to current resources on overdose prevention and education. • Concepts related to substance use are found in every grade of the Physical and Health Education curriculum from kindergarten through Grade 10. • In addition, a cross-ministry working group developed a naloxone risk assessment tool for public sector organizations including school districts. • The tool provides guidance on how to order naloxone kits and how to access training to administer naloxone. • The Ministry disseminated the tool, a naloxone kit order form, and a Q&A document to all superintendents and independent school principals in July 2017. • If school administrators know they have a high-risk population in their school, or are aware of students using illegal drugs on or near school grounds, public health officials recommend buying a naloxone kit for the school and ensuring a staff person knows how to use it. • As part of our cross-government approach to tackling the overdose crisis, the Ministry of Education will be working with the new Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions on what more we can do within the education sector, with a focus on prevention and early intervention and ensuring that students struggling with addiction and mental health issues are well-supported within the school setting.

2017-09-25 20:03	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Opioid Overdose Action Plan	He was looking for any information that had been distributed to schools in Vancouver regarding an opioid overdose action plan, in the case there was an overdose during school hours and/or on school property. I am not sure where to find this and thought I'd reach out to you in case this sounds familiar. He is hoping to get a response before 4pm this afternoon.	ASAP	2017-09-26 15:48	Provided Statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education is key to ensuring students know the risks of potentially deadly drugs like fentanyl. • In January Dr. Perry Kendall, the Provincial Health Officer, helped educate district Safe School Coordinators about this important health issue. • The ministry is also working to ensure schools and education partners have access to current resources on overdose prevention and education. • Concepts related to substance use are found in every grade of the Physical and Health Education curriculum from kindergarten through Grade 10. • In addition, a cross-ministry working group developed a naloxone risk assessment tool for public sector organizations including school districts. • The tool provides guidance on how to order naloxone kits and how to access training to administer naloxone. • The Ministry disseminated the tool, a naloxone kit order form, and a Q&A document to all superintendents and independent school principals in July 2017. • If school administrators know they have a high-risk population in their school, or are aware of students using illegal drugs on or near school grounds, public health officials recommend buying a naloxone kit for the school and ensuring a staff person knows how to use it. • As part of our cross-government approach to tackling the overdose crisis, the Ministry of Education will be working with the new Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions on what more we can do within the education sector, with a focus on prevention and early intervention and ensuring that students struggling with addiction and mental health issues are well-supported within the school setting.
2017-09-26 19:36	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Money laundering at casinos	Doing a story on a \$490,000 cash transaction at River Rock Casino from 2015. Rough total \$23M in a few months at River Rock. There has been reporting of big ticket transactions. Are suspicious transactions of this size common, and at one location? Are results surprising? What is the status of the independent review announced by Minister Eby last week?	ASAP	2017-09-27 22:29	Scheduled Interview	Interview completed
2017-09-26 21:38	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	River Rock and MNP report	Would like a quick clip from MDE	ASAP	2017-09-27 22:30	Scheduled Interview	Interview completed
2017-10-02 19:51	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Intv with Catharine Read	There's some interest over here to interview Catharine Read after her appointment. Wondering if we should go through you guys or the PTB? If it's you can you consider this a request to put us in touch? I'm at 604-351-1831 and we can make some arrangements that way.	ASAP	2017-10-02 22:30	Referred to Third Party	Jan Brooke with PT Board will reach out to the reporter. Would like Catharine to get settled in before doing media.
2017-10-19 22:38	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Uber and the province	Reporter asks: "I remember some time ago we were talking about how many tickets had been handed out to ride-hailing companies. I'm wondering if you have an updated number? At last count we had 5 which was in July. Can you let me know what the totals are today?"	ASAP	2017-10-20 16:22	Provided Background	<p>The Passenger Transportation Branch continues to investigate companies connecting passengers with unlicensed vehicles for hire. We are investigating a number of rideshare services and the unlicensed drivers affiliated with them.</p> <p>To date, over 20 cease and desist orders have been issued and eight fines of \$1,150 have been given to drivers identified as operating without a licence. It is very important that the people signing up as drivers for these companies understand that they are assuming all of the risk related to providing the rideshare service. In other words – the driver is operating illegally on the road – and they are subject to fines of \$1,150, as well as further penalties for not disclosing the commercial use of their vehicles to insurance brokers.</p> <p>Customers need to know that if they choose to get a ride through these apps they are choosing to take a trip in a vehicle that has not been licenced to operate legally in B.C. The Passenger Transportation Branch issued a Public Advisory on October 2nd which is posted here: http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/Documents/171002-Public-Advisory-Unlicensed-Operators-BC.pdf</p>

2017-10-31 16:21	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Party bus incident - 2015	<p>Reporter says: We're doing a party bus followup and wondered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is the party bus involved in the incident that killed Chelsea James on the road? (The documents that I have identify it as a 2008 Ford Bus HN7700, MV Reg: 02485009, VIN 3FRNF65C28V676952, Insp Decal ET75681.) - I guess one way of answering this question would be to ask: has it been recently inspected? <p>I understand that the company involved, Silver Lady Limousine, was assessed a fine of about \$400.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Can you let me know if that is accurate and whether they have paid that fine? <p>Also, I've got a record that says the party bus in question that night was inspected on Sept 30 2015 – about three months before the incident. On the page, it says "N/A" in an inspection for "other vehicle components" which is the closest I can find to the inspection for the door. It says the company is ATR Truck Repair Facility. I've copied the page below.</p> <p>Quick questions would be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What does "N/A" mean in this case? Not inspected, or not required to be inspected? - Is the ATR facility an inspection that has been contracted out? - Were there other inspections of this vehicle closer to the crash date in January 2016? 	ASAP	2017-11-02 18:03	Provided Background	<p>Q: Is the party bus involved in the incident that killed Chelsea James on the road? (The documents that I have identify it as a 2008 Ford Bus HN7700, MV Reg: 02485009, VIN 3FRNF65C28V676952, Insp Decal ET75681.) I guess one way of answering this question would be to ask: has it been recently inspected?</p> <p>A: The vehicle is no longer owned or operated by the previous carrier.</p> <p>Q: I understand that the company involved, Silver Lady Limousine, was assessed a fine of about \$400. Can you let me know if that is accurate and whether they have paid that fine?</p> <p>A: VPD conducted enforcement actions. The ministry recommends following up with them regarding fines, whether amounts have been paid, and any questions specific to the investigation.</p> <p>Also, I've got a record that says the party bus in question that night was inspected on Sept 30 2015 – about three months before the incident. On the page, it says "N/A" in an inspection for "other vehicle components" which is the closest I can find to the inspection for the door. It says the company is ATR Truck Repair Facility. I've copied the page below. Quick questions would be:</p> <p>Q: What does "N/A" mean in this case? Not inspected, or not required to be inspected?</p> <p>A: N/A means Not Applicable. This section is intended for any non-standard or special equipment specific to a vehicle, (it used be called "Special Use Vehicle Component") or is of a nature that does not already fit in to the other sections within the inspection document. Doors are part of a vehicle body, and are inspected as part of section 8, Body and Frame.</p> <p>Q: Is the ATR facility an inspection that has been contracted out?</p> <p>A: The facility, like all others in the province, is a designated inspection facility that is part of the overall provincial Commercial Vehicle Inspection Program.</p> <p>Q: Were there other inspections of this vehicle closer to the crash date in January 2016?</p> <p>A: No.</p>
2017-10-31 20:56	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	BC Ambulance media policy	<p>Looking to speak to the Minister on camera on BC Ambulance's media policy, which states that they do not respond to requests on routine incidents.</p> <p>They have gone through the FOI process with PHSA and have a copy of the policy and would like to speak to the minister on what they are referring to as transparency issues.</p> <p>"Here's the FOI response from BCAS.</p> <p>I thought of Adrian because he's someone who cares about the ins and outs of transparency! (And probably puppies but to be honest I've never asked.)</p> <p>We're looking at this as a question about transparency (ie is it right for the taxpayer to know about the use of government resources during daytime calls) to him. I'd also ask him about whether he thinks it's fair to have as a justification for that logic that conflates media resources and dispatch resources.</p> <p>As our Health Minister he's the guy who would represent the public on this one so I'll put it into his court."</p>	ASAP	2017-11-01 17:25	Referred to Third Party	<p>Referred to BC EHS, but CTV indicated that they would try to get Minister in the halls. Provided these messages to MO:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCEHS provides critical services every day to thousands of British Columbians. • Privacy laws dictate that they are unable to provide details about patients, and so the information that BCEHS had been able to provide in the past was very limited. • I understand that when BCEHS implemented this policy they provided an overview and gave a presentation to media on it, to underscore the rationale for the shift. • With this policy, they are able to ensure that dispatchers and responders are able to focus on their jobs, and provide help to more patients and callers. <p>If asked about responding to other incidents (such as pets):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCEHS's policy has evolved over the months since they first introduced it, based on feedback from media and members of the public. They heard from the public that they were interested in hearing about some of the more positive or heartwarming stories that paramedics have to tell, so they included that in their updated plan.
2017-11-02 18:10	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Party bus incident - 2015	<p>Reporter asks: The inspection company tells me that it is not their responsibility to check into the door and that would be the CVSE inspectors. Can you send me details of what happened in the most recent CVSE inspection of that bus before the crash?</p>	ASAP	2017-11-16 0:44	Provided Background	<p>The Ministry has turned over its files to the police, who are lead on the matter. All inquiries regarding the investigation must be directed to the lead agency, the Vancouver Police Department.</p>
2017-11-02 21:57	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Family Compensation Act	<p>The reporter is working on a story about the family of a woman who was killed after falling out of a party bus in Vancouver almost two years ago. The deceased's family is upset that the Family Compensation Act (FCA) will not let them sue the driver and the bus company for bereavement damages.</p> <p>The reporter would like to know if the government has any plans to change the FCA to allow families of the wrongfully killed to sue.</p> <p>The reporter would like an interview with the Minister but will take a written statement. His deadline is 5:30 pm, Nov. 2.</p>	2017-11-03 0:30	2017-11-03 0:32	Provided Statement	<p>"The loss of a loved one is devastating for families, and those who have experienced such loss have my deepest sympathies. Government is aware that the Family Compensation Act (FCA) does not currently allow for bereavement damages. At this time, Government is looking at reforms to the FCA."</p>
2017-11-16 17:47	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Party bus incident - 2015	<p>This is a follow up on yesterday's request:</p> <p>The reporter is looking to find out if the operator of the company has paid their fine.</p> <p>He says he has spoken with CVSE and ICBC, but is looking to speak with the minister.</p>	ASAP	2017-11-17 23:20	Declined to Comment	<p>Reporter consulted with PSSG on fines.</p>
2017-11-20 20:22	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Party bus fire	<p>Reporter would like to follow up on information about the party bus fire.</p>	ASAP	2017-11-22 22:32	Scheduled Interview	<p>Stringer caught the Minister in the Halls.</p>

2017-11-21 20:17	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Rental Only Zones	Reporter would like to get information on the "rental only zones" being proposed by the Mayor of Vancouver and the Premier. Is there a specific proposal, any information that can provide some context to what they are talking about implementing?	2017-11-21 23:30	2017-11-22 20:17	Provided Background	We are very interested in opportunities to improve the affordability of rental housing. We are taking a close look at what more can be done, including opportunities for rental zoning which has been raised by some local governments. We will engage with key stakeholders on this important issue. We do have a huge housing affordability issue in this province, and this government is committed to finding solutions that work long term for British Columbians.
2017-12-04 18:29	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Guo Law Corporation interview	The reporter would like to schedule an on-camera interview with Minister Eby to discuss the the Guo Law Corporation. The corporation was the victim of the theft of nearly \$8 million by two former employees who fled to China and are now in custody. The corporation is holding a news conference where it will detail how inaction by the RCMP, banks and the BCLC led to the stolen money being transferred to China. The reporter would like to schedule the interview today and would like any relevant background information.	2017-12-04 23:00	2017-12-05 0:40	Provided Statement	"There is evidence from investigation and enforcement that money laundering is a serious issue at Lower Mainland casinos. Peter German is currently conducting an ongoing, independent review of British Columbia's anti-money-laundering policies and practices in relation to B.C. casinos. I have reason to believe that these matters might be linked to other areas of B.C.'s economy, and I have asked Mr. German to examine these connections as well. This government has placed public confidence and keeping criminals out of B.C. casinos as an immediate priority and we expect to implement early recommendations from Mr. German."
2017-12-13 19:07	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Amanda Todd book	The Dutch man accused of cyberbullying and blackmailing B.C. teenager Amanda Todd has published a book in prison proclaiming his innocence. The reporter would like to schedule an on-camera interview with Minister Eby to ask him if he believes it is right for the accused and his publishing company to profit off of these circumstances. The previous government promised that they were exploring legislative options to prevent criminals from profiting from their crimes when Robert Pickton released a book in 2016.	2017-12-15 0:00	2017-12-20 18:12	Referred to Third Party	Referred to PSSG.
2017-12-21 20:37	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Taxi bill of rights and ride refusals	Reporter is looking for the 2017 stats on ride refusals. Asking if Vancouver Taxi Association shares their refusals with PTB.	2017-12-21 23:30	2017-12-22 18:28	Provided Background	In 2017, the Passenger Transportation Branch has received and investigated 58 ride refusal complaints to date. If a taxi user has an issue with a taxi company, they often report it directly to the company, as a first step. Unresolved complaints can be directed to Consumer Protection BC, which works with the Passenger Transportation Branch to ensure all complaints are investigated. The contact info for Consumer Protection BC is required to be clearly posted in all cabs. There is nothing in the Passenger Transportation Act that prohibits the taxi industry from attempting to solve issues around ride refusals by posting their association's contact information, as well. The Vancouver Taxi Association does not share details of complaints, including those involving ride refusals, with Consumer Protection BC or the Passenger Transportation Branch.
2018-01-03 0:24	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Party Bus Incident	Reporter says: Inspection records of the party bus whose open door killed Chelsea James in 2016 appear to show that it was noticed by inspectors in 2013 and 2014 and ordered fixed. Wasn't noticed in 2015 inspection but clearly was there because it killed her in 2016. I can send you the documents if you need them. Main questions: 1. What happened in those inspections? Why were inspectors satisfied enough with the door to let the bust back on the road? What assurances did they get that the door was indeed fixed? I'd like to know what happened, and talk to an inspector there. 2. Did the clean inspection record give the operator cover to avoid a criminal charge? 3. The transportation minister has promised to be in contact with the family of Chelsea James. They've heard nothing. Will the transportation minister follow up with the family or has there been any other step that the minister or someone in the ministry has done? 4. The NDP has taken a hard stance on party buses and party bus regulation but in the one case where someone died it looks like there was little prosecution. Is this a message to bad actors in the industry that they can kill without punishment? For this we'd request an interview with the minister. If you would like I can tell you more about the VPD and ICBC side of this investigation which also contained some problems... I'll follow up with them as well. Story would air sometime this week.	ASAP	2018-01-04 21:57	Provided Background	Q: What happened in those inspections? A: In each case the inspector noted an issue with the door, in one case would not open and in another needed assistance opening. With the time in between inspections it is not known if the same issue was present causing the door to not open or if different issues arose. In 2015 it is assumed that the door operated as intended, as it was not noted during inspection. Q: Why were inspectors satisfied enough with the door to let the bust back on the road? A: The carrier was ordered to have the door repaired prior to operating again. Q: What assurances did they get that the door was indeed fixed? A: It is the carrier responsibility to ensure repairs are made prior to operating again. The 2015 inspection confirmed that the repairs were completed. Q: Did the clean inspection record give the operator cover to avoid a criminal charge? A: This is a question for VPD and prosecution – The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure does not dictate criminal charges. Q: The transportation minister has promised to be in contact with the family of Chelsea James. They've heard nothing. Will the transportation minister follow up with the family or has there been any other step that the minister or someone in the ministry has done? A: Minister Trevena has spoken with Chelsea James's mother to share her condolences and to provide an update on the fine that was issued to Silver Lady Limousine Service. The Minister is always available to speak with the family should they have questions. Q: The NDP has taken a hard stance on party buses and party bus regulation but in the one case where someone died it looks like there was little prosecution. Is this a message to bad actors in the industry that they can kill without punishment? For this we'd request an interview with the minister. A: VPD and prosecution are the only ones that can answer this question – The ministry does not dictate prosecution.

2018-01-03 20:14	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Follow up request to the Chelsea James party bus fatal accident	<p>Reporter says:</p> <p>Question: Shelly James, the mother of Chelsea James, has been trying to get answers regarding was the party bus company given a fine, and did they pay that fine?</p> <p>At the time – the Premier made comments that he was “startled” by this, and that he was committed to working with the family to get answers.</p> <p>See the news story here:</p> <p>https://bc.ctvnews.ca/premier-startled-by-grieving-mom-s-bureaucratic-runaround-1.3681974</p> <p>So the question comes back now from CTV: was this party bus company given a fine, if so, how much was the fine, and did they pay the fine?</p> <p>(Also wanting to know which agency gave the fine? Was it the police? ICBC? Passenger transportation branch?)</p> <p>Please advise asap.</p>	ASAP	2018-01-03 23:11	Provided Background	<p>Following the court decision, which came Oct 25, 2017 as a guilty verdict, the Passenger Transportation Branch sent a Notice of Intent to the company (Silver Lady Limousine Service Ltd) indicating the intent to issue a fine in the amount of \$1,000. To date, Silver Lady Limousine Service Ltd has not responded to the Notice of Intent. We are awaiting response.</p> <p>With regard to the vehicle’s driver, the driver was issued a fine by the VPD in 2016 subsequent to the incident. Details regarding the amount/payment would be information held by the VPD.</p>
2018-01-12 19:00	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Life Labs	<p>Would like an update of what has happened with patient care and any concerns about competition since this first story a few years ago, about the merger of labs.</p> <p>Feels that there were patient satisfaction issues, and has a ptn who was told that they can't accept them because they couldn't fax their information (sounds like it was more a miscommunication). Any progress made on concerns about anti competitiveness and patient impacts.</p> <p>Has also gone to the competition bureau for comment.</p> <p>http://www.vancouverun.com/touch/news/metro/merger+main+medical+labs+raises+questions+about+fees+services/7824580/story.html</p>	2018-01-16 0:00	2018-01-16 0:24	Provided Statement	The Ministry of Health has not seen any increase in patient complaints since the LifeLabs merger in 2013. If a patient has any concerns about the care they've received at LifeLabs they can contact both the Ministry and LifeLabs directly with their concerns. LifeLabs is advised by Ministry staff when a complaint has been received. Contact information for LifeLabs is available on their website http://www.lifelabs.com/corporate/Contact
2018-01-24 19:07	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Life Labs	<p>I'm told that the family in this case has complained to the health minister and the premier -- it's Joceline Heersink and Mike Skinner. They got an email from the Premier's office today.</p> <p>We are planning on doing a story on this tomorrow, mainly looking at their journey trying to get lab work in Vancouver and failing because of the fax machine snafus.</p> <p>I'm hoping to clip Mr. Dix on this because the company's monopoly position means the consumer doesn't have much choice. I'm told by our bureau that we have time today as well to do this.</p> <p>What would work for you and him?</p> <p>Let me know</p>	ASAP	2018-01-25 0:02	Provided Background	Provided context that to our knowledge Life Labs does not require fax only for lab work, and that the patients would be able to expect a response from ministry, per the PO email.
2018-01-31 18:26	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Automotive repair, recovery and recycling third party review	The reporter heard the automotive retailers association of B.C. refer to a third party review of automotive repair, recovery, and recycling. The reporter believes that this review has finished and would like a copy.	2018-02-01 0:00	2018-01-31 20:39	Provided Background	The November 2016 report by MNP was completed for ICBC, the Automotive Retailers Association and the New Car Dealers Association of BC. It can be found here: http://www.newcardealers.ca/automotive-services-joint-industry-review/
2018-02-06 16:58	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Tony Du gambling	The reporter is working on a story about Tony Du, a man who was shot dead by Vancouver police in 2014. Du was an alleged gambling addict and psychiatrists in his anti-gambling self-exclusion program mentioned that Du was banned, but was able to gamble around the lower mainland anyway, which prompted stress and anger leading into relapses into psychotic breaks. The psychiatrists are asking that there be a requirement that casino security inform them of any patient on that banned list when the patient is discovered gambling. The reporter would like to know if this provision was ever considered or implemented during the Attorney Generals negotiations with BCLC?	2018-02-07 21:00	2018-02-07 19:52	Referred to Third Party	Referring to BCLC.
2018-02-07 17:18	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Follow up request to the Chelsea James party bus fatal accident	<p>Reporter says: I thought I would follow up with the ticket you mention below - do you know if it has been paid?</p> <p>Background: The Passenger Transportation Branch has sent a Notice of Intent to the company (Silver Lady Limousine Service Ltd) indicating the intent to issue a fine in the amount of \$1,000.</p> <p>There is a process in place that the registrar is following, including a timeframe that the company must respond within. This process is set under the Passenger Transportation Act and applies to all fines and levies.</p>	ASAP	2018-02-07 23:28	Provided Background	The company has until February 17, 2018 to either appeal to the Passenger Transportation Board or pay the penalty. To date, we have not been notified by the Board that an appeal has been filed.
2018-02-19 20:20	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Follow up request to the Chelsea James party bus fatal accident	Reporter says: Hoping to follow up on this ticket payment – any idea if it has been received? Or an appeal?	ASAP	2018-02-21 21:57	Provided Background	<p>The ministry can confirm that the licensee has paid the fine in the full amount of \$1,000 to the Registrar of the Passenger Transportation Branch.</p> <p>The licensee did not file a Notice of Appeal with the Passenger Transportation Board.</p>

2018-02-19 23:55	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Encryption of Fire Department scanners	<p>Looking to get on-camera comment from Minister regarding the encryption of fire department scanners.</p> <p>The focus of the story is essentially: "Fire department scanners were a key tool to inform media and the public about emergencies and what is going on in the community. Now that they are being encrypted, what is replacing them?"</p> <p>We are seeing that centralized approach replaced by a city-by-city approach that looks to individual social media feeds or apps. The social media feeds are slower (sometimes by several hours or even days) and there's weaknesses to the app approach: i.e. if you're a Richmond resident and you have the Richmond app but you go to Surrey, will you get notified? (The answer right now appears to be no.)</p> <p>Compare that to the tsunami notification – that was immediate over all channels.</p> <p>One example that we're looking at is comparing the scanner chatter on the railyard fire in Port Coquitlam to the social media information. So we'd want to ask the minister about how he felt about the information sharing with the public in that day – as I recall he was there on both the fire day and the tsunami day -- and whether he's concerned that the multiple notification feeds from the cities aren't co-ordinated.</p>	2018-02-22 0:30	2018-02-26 23:42	Scheduled Interview	Interview scheduled for Friday, February 23 at 10:45 a.m.
2018-02-27 19:57	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Maple Ridge Modular Housing	<p>Producer is working on a story on how Maple Ridge appears to be the capital of the insecure renter. He has seen local papers complain about a modular housing plan that isn't going anywhere.</p> <p>https://www.mapleridgenews.com/news/still-no-site-for-modular-housing-in-maple-ridge/</p> <p>He is wondering: has the province secured a site? What stage is the project at now?</p>	ASAP	2018-02-28 0:43	Provided Background	The Province is actively working on a location for the temporary modular housing to house people struggling with homelessness who are living in Maple Ridge, including those living at the St. Anne camp. The site is expected to be identified in the coming weeks. A second public information session will also be held once the site has been announced.
2018-03-12 16:47	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	ICBC luxury car plans	<p>The reporter is following up on the story about ICBC spending close to \$800 thousand in damage claims on a Ferrari. He would like to know how the upcoming ICBC reforms plan to handle luxury car insurance.</p> <p>The reporter would like to clip Minister Eby in the halls before Question Period.</p>	2018-03-12 20:00	2018-03-12 20:01	Scheduled Interview	Minister will scrum in the halls.
2018-03-14 17:15	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Ride sharing cease-and-desist letters	<p>Reporter says: We have received a package under FOI that involves several cease-and-desist letters to ride sharing operators. For ease I've cut and pasted one of those letters below.</p> <p>-Have any of these letters resulted in fines or surcharges as threatened?</p> <p>-What is total fine issued and total fine collected at this point?</p> <p>-Has there been any request to Apple or Google to remove these apps from their store?</p> <p>-We are noticing some apps appear to still work and there are advertisements for two more that I've been able to see. Any concern about the platform?</p>	2018-03-14 22:00	2018-03-14 22:16	Provided Background	<p>It is important that the people signing up as drivers for ride hailing companies understand that they are assuming all of the risk related to providing an illegal ride hailing service – this includes possible further sanctions for not disclosing the commercial use of their vehicles to their lease and insurance providers. It is the driver – not the app – that is subject to all penalties for operating illegally on the road.</p> <p>The Passenger Transportation Branch will inform lease companies (if one is listed as a registered owner on the vehicle registration) that their vehicle may be operating illegally. Cease and desist letters are issued to the registered owner of the vehicle while the violation tickets are issued to drivers, who may or may not be the registered owner of the vehicle. Therefore, we cannot report out on how many recipients of cease and desist letters have received a violation ticket.</p> <p>To date, the Passenger Transportation Branch has issued 30 violation tickets at \$1150 each. (30 X \$1150 = \$34,500) Of those, 6 drivers have plead guilty and paid the full amount of the fine (6 X \$1150 = \$6900). The remainder are being contested by the driver or the violations are too recent / in process to know the status.</p> <p>More information on the Province's action against illegal ride hailing services is posted here: http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/Documents/20180123-Public-Advisory-Unlicensed-Operators-BC.pdf and here: https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018TRAN0012-000110</p>
2018-03-14 22:59	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Ride sharing cease-and-desist letters	<p>Reporter asks: You say they are being contested – is that in court?</p> <p>If so would you mind sending me the file numbers so I can follow up on those cases?</p> <p>(Not for deadline today but it is a very interesting avenue to pursue.)</p>	ASAP	2018-03-14 23:01	Referred to Third Party	Told reporter he'd have to reach out to the courts directly.
2018-03-20 16:45	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Facebook data/privacy breach	<p>Reporter is doing a story for this evening's news on Facebook's privacy/data breach being reported. Reporter is looking into the rules around privacy and BC elections; says that political parties have rules governing privacy, however leadership candidates don't and companies they contract don't.</p> <p>Would like to speak to the Minister regarding this and whether the rules need to be strengthened.</p>	ASAP	2018-03-20 18:24	Referred to Third Party	Referred to Elections BC.
2018-04-03 23:15	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Public Alerting Announcement	Reporter has general questions about the new wireless alerting system. Interview was conducted with EMBC spokesperson Ian Lightbody.	ASAP	2018-04-06 20:28	Scheduled Interview	Interview completed on April 3

2018-04-04 17:57	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Standard of Maintenance Bylaw	<p>Reporter is writing a story about the standards of care when it comes to rental properties. He is referencing the story about the home in Abbotsford that is in a deplorable state - https://www.abbynews.com/news/rental-home-features-mould-and-rat-poo/</p> <p>He says there are others around Vancouver and he is wondering what can be done about these properties, outside of tenants complaining. He knows there are bylaws in other parts of the city and BC for a "standard of maintenance" when it comes to properties, although he is unsure Abbotsford has enacted something similar.</p> <p>Can the province, local government do anything? These are properties that are being advertised for rent and they are not even habitable.</p>	2018-04-04 22:00	2018-04-04 23:56	Provided Background	<p>We are always concerned when we hear of terrible living conditions, and we encourage those living in unsafe conditions to lodge formal complaints with the Residential Tenancy Branch.</p> <p>Landlords and tenants share responsibility for maintaining rental properties. The Residential Tenancy Act requires landlords to maintain their rental properties in a state suitable for occupancy – they must meet housing, safety and building standards required by law. If a landlord refuses to make a repair that is necessary to meet the standards, the tenant may make an application for dispute resolution under the Residential Tenancy Act seeking an order for the completion and costs of the repair. When a landlord hasn't conducted repairs or has restricted access to essential services, tenants can also apply to the branch for a reduction in rent or a repair order.</p> <p>Local governments also have a clear role to play as they have the authority, through the Community Charter, to establish and enforce maintenance standards for existing buildings. Municipalities can levy fines, conduct inspections, approve permits and licences, identify unsafe conditions and require repairs to be done where needed. Tenants may contact their local government to have municipal inspectors investigate their property to see if any conditions violate health or safety requirements.</p>
2018-04-05 19:41	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Distracted Driving	requesting on-camera interview today with MDE in either Victoria or Vancouver	ASAP	2018-04-05 23:37	Declined to Comment	Unable to schedule an interview.
2018-04-05 21:04	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Standard of Maintenance Bylaw	Reporter is following up on his request from yesterday. Does the ministry keep track of which cities/municipalities have actually enforced or kept up a standards of maintenance bylaw. Is there anything in the Local Government Act that requires local governments and municipalities to uphold standards of property maintenance -- health and safety related or otherwise? If there are bylaws or responsibility through the local government act in this regard, who is responsible for upholding them?	2018-04-06 17:00	2018-04-06 18:10	Provided Background	Municipalities have authority, by bylaw, to set maintenance standards for rental units and residential property and have various authorities to enforce their bylaws. For example, they may take enforcement actions by issuing municipal tickets or initiating prosecutions for bylaw contraventions. They may also require the property owner to take certain remedial actions to meet a standard in the bylaw and if the owner doesn't, the municipality may take the action at the cost of the property owner -- for example, clearing out an overgrown and rubbish-strewn front lawn or in the most serious cases, demolishing a derelict building. As such actions directly affect the owner and their property, a municipality typically needs legal advice before proceeding carefully, to ensure fairness and due process. It is the municipality's decision on if and how to enforce its bylaws.
2018-04-05 21:21	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Tenant Unlawfully Evicted	<p>Reporter is meeting with a man who says he's been unlawfully evicted by his landlord. Attached is a recent RTB decision that appears to give him the right to stay on through the end of the month. He says the locks were changed while he was away last night, his stuff is getting dumped, etc.</p> <p>When a landlord breaks a binding decision like that attached what does the RTB do? In other cases (employment standards, FOI commissioner) the public body sues or raises stakes. What could happen here? Or is the tenant required to enforce this?</p>	ASAP	2018-04-06 0:18	Provided Background	<p>This is not an acceptable situation. Residential Tenancy Branch staff are reaching out to this tenant to make sure he is aware of his options and see how they can help.</p> <p>This landlord did not have the authority to evict the tenant or change the locks and is acting unlawfully. The tenant was served with an eviction notice but had an order from the branch allowing the tenant to stay.</p> <p>While the RTB cannot take any specific action, the tenant may make an application to the Residential Tenancy Branch to obtain an order (which could be enforced through the courts) allowing him back into the rental unit, and can make a monetary claim for all costs incurred as a result of an illegal eviction.</p>
2018-04-09 19:09	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	HIV guidelines	<p>The reporter would like to know more about the province's policies on prosecuting people who have been charged with knowingly infecting others with HIV. Abbotsford resident Brian Carlisle was charged with aggravated sexual assault in September after he failed to disclose his HIV status to his sexual partners. However, the charges were recently dropped after Mr. Carlisle failed to meet the province's standard for prosecution.</p> <p>The reporter would like to know if new policies have been put in place concerning how infectious a person with HIV must be to be considered for prosecution and if so, what are they?</p>	2018-04-09 23:30	2018-04-09 19:32	Referred to Third Party	Referred to the BC Prosecution Service.
2018-04-11 17:09	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Tenant Unlawfully Evicted	Reporter is following up on the story about this tenant. The landlord still has his personal belongings (in storage) and is refusing to return them. Tenant continues to live in a hotel while he waits. The Surrey RCMP will not intervene and say it is up to the RTB/ province to act on this issue and get his stuff back. Reporter would like to request an interview with Spencer Chandra-Herbert today to discuss the new task force. Will he consider beefing up the rules around landlords who profoundly break the law and go against orders (like the one the tenant has from the RTB)? Will he look to protect tenants by enacting legislation around giving law enforcement the power to act in the best interests of tenants who are being wronged? How can situations such as this one be avoided in the future?	2018-04-11 22:00	2018-04-12 5:28	Scheduled Interview	Reporter interviewed Spencer Chandra-Herbert before QP.
2018-04-12 18:45	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Cuba Officers	<p>Looking for Minister comment on VPD officers assaulting 17 year old in Cuba.</p> <p>Binder is in halls looking for comment at same time.</p>	ASAP	2018-04-12 22:28	Scheduled Interview	Bhinder got MMF in halls.
2018-04-26 18:30	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	ICBC reforms	The reporter would like the name of the agency ICBC uses to track personal injury advertising, as well as any related personal injury lawyer background information the ministry can provide.	2018-04-26 22:00	2018-04-26 18:57	Provided Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICBC has access to a third party media tracking service, which provides advertising spending data of B.C. law firms that offer personal injury legal services. • Last year, the data showed that there was a 56% increase in overall traditional advertising spent by these firms. In 2016, the reported spend was approximately \$1.51M; in 2017, it was \$2.36M. • The name of the third party agency is Market Track.
2018-06-01 19:54	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Ride sharing violation tickets	The reporter is working on a illegal ride sharing story and would like to be sent the ticket numbers of all disputed ride sharing violation tickets since May 2017. He stated the ministry should be able to provide the tickets numbers as they have gone through the Violation Ticket Centre.	2018-06-04 23:30	2018-06-01 20:58	Referred to Third Party	Referred to ICBC.

2018-06-01 20:52	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Ride-hailing tickets	<p>We're looking for an update on the below.</p> <p>How many ride-hailing tickets have been issued now?</p> <p>How many are paid?</p> <p>How many are disputed?</p> <p>Have any been appealed to supreme court?</p>	ASAP	2018-06-01 21:21	Provided Background	<p>The ministry, through its Passenger Transportation Branch, has received complaints and has open investigations on several companies including Ude Kuaiche and Re-Ryde operating in Metro Vancouver that have developed ride-sourcing apps, and are recruiting drivers for hire. It is important to note that it is the driver, not the app, that is subject to penalties for operating illegally on the road.</p> <p>As of May 2018, the Passenger Transportation Branch has issued 30 violation tickets at \$1,150 and more than 20 cease and desist letters. It is important that the people signing up as drivers for these companies understand that they are assuming all of the risk related to providing the rideshare service.</p>
2018-06-01 21:21	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Ride-hailing tickets	Reporter says: Any idea how many have been disputed?	ASAP	2018-06-01 22:13	Provided Background	Of the 30 violation tickets issued, 22 are being contested
2018-06-15 19:25	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	TWU covenant	<p>I'm trying to read your statement remembering that TWU has an existing community covenant now for current students.</p> <p>Are you concerned about that existing covenant being not just and inclusive?</p>	ASAP	2018-06-15 19:50	Provided Statement	The provincial government has no jurisdiction over the community covenant at TWU.
2018-07-03 18:55	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Unpaid tolls	<p>1.) Can you release the names of the organizations/ public bodies/ businesses (top 10) that have the unpaid tolls outstanding on the Port Mann? (FYI that he has already been in touch with Greg Johnson at TI Corp on this one, but was not able to acquire the list – even though TL supplied the list for the Golden Ears top ten unpaid tolls companies)</p> <p>2.) If not, why not? And what is the ministry response to this?</p> <p>3.) Wondering about the mechanisms at play for collecting the unpaid tolls (for example if a business is named with outstanding unpaid tolls but that business goes bankrupt or out of business – do the unpaid tolls get written off, or does the Province go after the president of that company to pay up, etc.?)</p> <p>Requesting: Interview with minister or ministry staff person if possible, if not, then background info is fine</p>	2018-07-03 22:30	2018-07-03 22:35	Provided Background	<p>TI Corp has an obligation to keep its customer's information secure and confidential. Its Privacy Policy states information will only be shared with customer consent, or as authorized by law. This FOI request is seeking customer names and account balances, so TI Corp is in the process of asking customers whose information was redacted under Section 21 to identify if there are harms if their information is made public.</p> <p>The Privacy Commissioner will be undertaking a review of the request from the applicant to release this information, and is aware that TI Corp is in the process of reviewing harms with its customers. TI Corp will follow any direction the Privacy Commissioner Office provides.</p> <p>Drivers with outstanding accounts may be unable to renew their drivers licence and insurance until their account has been settled. This process continues to be an effective tool for encouraging payment, as about 250 customers a day are calling to pay their bills. By early June 2018, approximately \$15 million was still owing. Toll debt for a business can be recovered through the bankruptcy process. Any amount not received will be written-off.</p>
2018-07-04 16:23	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Unpaid tolls	<p>Reporter would like to know, if a business owes the amount, can the principal of the business have personal insurance renewal contingent on paying the amount the business owes? I.e. What action can ICBC take on an amount owed by a business?</p> <p>Also, who are the public bodies on the the Port Mann Bridge top 10 list? I have made this argument elsewhere but essentially we see no possible reason to keep those entities secret. In fact by doing so TI Corp is undermining the accountability of public bodies that citizens have a right to expect. If there is a problem within these public bodies regarding their toll payment we are right to expect transparency from government and government agents. So this is why we are asking the ministry and specifically the minister as a representative of the people.</p> <p>Can you let me know who these two public bodies are please?</p>	ASAP	2018-07-04 22:25	Provided Background	<p>There is a process underway, with the Privacy Commissioner undertaking a review of the request from the applicant to release this information. The ministry is respectful of this process and is not in a position to circumvent it.</p> <p>Any vehicle or account that is linked through ICBC to an overdue account can be subject to the Refuse to Issue process.</p> <p>Linking of personal and business accounts can occur in two ways: when an insurance policy is co-owned through ICBC, or when an owner consolidates personal and business vehicles into a single TreO account.</p> <p>The figure of approximately \$15 million is for the Port Mann Bridge only. TransLink is responsible for collecting outstanding tolls on the Golden Ears Bridge.</p>
2018-07-06 17:24	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Unpaid tolls	Reporter would like to know which two public bodies still have outstanding tolls, and that British Columbians deserve to know. He understands there is a process underway with the Privacy Commissioner, but says public bodies should be required to show transparency due to their different legal status, and their privacy should not be protected the same way as businesses.	ASAP	2018-07-06 22:12	Provided Background	<p>Called reporter to inform him that while we are empathetic to his frustration that we cannot release this information, our response is still the same:</p> <p>There is a process underway, with the Privacy Commissioner undertaking a review of the request from the applicant to release this information. The ministry is respectful of this process and is not in a position to circumvent it.</p>

2018-07-09 18:37	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Greyhound leaving western Canada	<p>CHNL - Reporter would like comment from the Minister on Greyhound pulling its services out of all of western Canada (save one route from Vancouver to Seattle).</p> <p>CBC Radio Canada -- same request. CBC TV -- same request.</p> <p>CTV News -- has the following questions: 1/ what is the BC government reaction to this news? 2/ Is the government planning on stepping in to fill the void (like they did for the North with BC Bus North)? 3/ what are the next steps here?</p> <p>CITY TV -- same request.</p> <p>GLOBE AND MAIL WOULD LIKE TO KNOW: • Did you know this was coming? • Do you think government has a role to play in filling this gap? • Are there other options for travel between rural areas? • Some concerns have been raised that if the bus service is gone, it might result in the deaths of more indigenous women who have no other means of transportation. What does the provincial government think of this and how can the government prevent this from happening?</p> <p>WEST SHORE VOICE: • Will BC Transit respond with any changes to providing bus service throughout rural areas of the province? • Will more routes be added anywhere by BC Transit? • Has the presence of BC Transit been a detriment to private bussing enterprises?</p> <p>THE STAR: - Reporter would like an interview with the Minister, even if tomorrow or the next day.</p>	ASAP	2018-07-09 23:18	Provided Statement	<p>VICTORIA – Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, has issued the following statement in response to news that Greyhound Canada is discontinuing intercity bus service in British Columbia, and much of Canada:</p> <p>"Greyhound's decision to completely eliminate service in Western Canada by Oct. 31, 2018 is hugely problematic for people who depend on Greyhound in the Interior, Sea-to-Sky, and to get to and from Alberta. This move will leave people with limited options to get around, and this will likely impact the most vulnerable.</p> <p>"It's unfortunate that Greyhound did not communicate their plans sooner. At no point did Greyhound reach out to me, or my staff, to have a conversation on solutions to keep people connected — something I would have expected, given their long history in this province.</p> <p>"In the weeks and months ahead, I will be sitting down with other service providers, the private sector and local government to discuss how we can ensure people have access to safe, reliable and affordable transportation to get from one community to the next. In the meantime, I hope that other local, private operators will see an opportunity to bring a badly needed service to the parts of the province most affected by Greyhound's decision."</p>
2018-07-10 18:36	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Casino regulator	<p>The reporter is working on a story about money laundering in casinos. He has already interviewed two former casino employees who were tasked with providing security and preventing money laundering. Both former employees stated that they tried to voice their concerns but couldn't because the regulatory system was broken.</p> <p>The reporter would like to know if government has committed to creating a new regulator and if so, when will the regulator begin operations. The reporter would prefer to discuss this in a five minute pre-taped on-camera interview with Minister Eby at 3:30 p.m. but will also accept background information. If an interview can be scheduled, the reporter is able to meet the minister at his location.</p>	2018-07-10 23:00	2018-07-10 22:56	Scheduled Interview	Scheduled interview.
2018-08-06 18:05	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Number of students from Saudi Arabia	In light of the threat to remove Saudi students from Canada we're hoping to figure out how many Saudi students there are in BC, and any other response from the BC Ministry of Advanced Education?	2018-08-06 20:00	2018-08-06 18:13	Provided Background	<p>In 2017, there were 152,390 international students with study permits in B.C. studying at all levels, including an estimated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 59,985 in public post-secondary. • 71,967 in private post-secondary. • 20,438 in elementary and secondary. <p>International students come from over 80 countries/markets. The top 10 markets include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. China (47,905) 2. India (29,735) 3. South Korea (12,710) 4. Japan (6,840) 5. Brazil (5,810) 6. USA (5,330) 7. Mexico (4,365) 8. Vietnam (3,700) 9. Taiwan (2,465) 10. Saudi Arabia (2,450)
2018-08-14 17:52	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	TWU's community covenant	<p>Reporter would like to speak with the minister either on camera or phone to get her reaction to TWU's decision to no longer require students to sign the community covenant. Would this change the status of the application for a law school at TWU?</p> <p>TWU board of governors passed the following motion on Aug. 9:</p> <p>"In furtherance of our desire to maintain TWU as a thriving community of Christian believers that is inclusive of all students wishing to learn from a Christian viewpoint and underlying philosophy, the Community Covenant will no longer be mandatory as of the 2018-19 Academic year with respect to admission of students to, or continuation of students at, the University."</p>	ASAP	2018-08-14 19:21	Provided Statement	<p>Hi Jon; As mentioned, the Minister is on route by plane to Haida Gwaii otherwise she would have been happy to speak with you.</p> <p>You can attribute the following statement to Melanie Mark, Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training:</p> <p>"Our government welcomes any action that leads towards a just and inclusive province where all feel welcome, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, race, religion or background.</p> <p>"Trinity Western University would require ministerial approval for any new degree. Before approval is considered, the university would still need to have support from the BC Law Society for their proposed law degree and a proposed law degree would still need to go through the Degree Quality Assessment Board's independent review process and meet the established quality assessment criteria."</p>

2018-08-21 18:02	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Handguns	<p>Question One: Reporter is working on a story gauging support of the various handgun bands that councils throughout Canada are proposing. Reporter is interested in if the Ministry sees itself support any one of them, or parts of them?</p> <p>The Toronto Text of the Ban: http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.CC44.14</p> <p>Montreal's ban is described here: https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-montreal-calls-for-national-handgun-ban/ https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/montreal-motion-ban-handguns-canada-1.4792398</p> <p>Questions Two: Reporter is hoping to find out the progress of the of the dedicated unit created to track firearms that came out of IFTFR. Do we have any stats on the unit? has it been created? have they seized any illegal firearms yet?</p> <p>https://bc.ctvnews.ca/b-c-to-create-dedicated-unit-to-tackle-firearms-trafficking-1.3696495</p>	2018-08-21 22:00	2018-08-21 22:34	Provided Background	<p>Question One: Reporter is working on a story gauging support of the various handgun bands that councils throughout Canada are proposing. Reporter is interested in if the Ministry sees itself support any one of them, or parts of them?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People deserve to feel safe in their communities and their neighbourhoods. • A long-term solution will require all members of the community and all levels of government working hard together. • We want British Columbians to know that they have a government that will be a full partner in building safer communities – and providing opportunities for people to succeed. • The Province has made significant investments for bolstering enforcement actions and other public safety measures to combat deadly opioids and illegal firearms. • Ending the gun violence that's taking lives, including those of our youth, and threatening bystanders will continue to require strong, strategic prevention and enforcement efforts. • And it will take a long-term commitment from all levels of government, police, teachers, parents and others who play a role in the lives of our young people. • We are open to any discussion around making our communities safer and free from gun-violence. <p>Question Two: Reporter is hoping to find out the progress of the of the dedicated unit created to track firearms that came out of IFTF. Do we have any stats on the unit? has it been created? have they seized any illegal firearms yet?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o We have created an intelligence-led illegal firearms trafficking team — The team is operational and currently engaged in a number of active firearms investigations related to illegal possession, trafficking and importation involving suspects from various parts of BC. o The investigations are being conducted in conjunction with the police of jurisdictions, the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST), the Canada Border Services Agency and US Homeland Security Investigations. o Also in conjunction with the Firearms Trafficking Team, CFSEU-BC established a centralized firearms intelligence hub to compile and analyse data that builds a comprehensive intelligence picture related to illegal firearms, aligned with our federal partners at the National Weapons Enforcement Support Team (NWEST) and the CBSA. o Using the targeted process known as PTEP (Provincial Tactical Enforcement Priority), CFSEU-BC is co-ordinating and leveraging all law enforcement to prioritize efforts against the use and trafficking of illegal firearms. o Enhancements to the PTEP program include making participation in the program a provincial Police Act standard and ensuring a province wide priority focus on firearms interdiction.
								<p>Response for "Hadguns" in line above Continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o In fact the August 10th Vancouver Police announcement of one of the most successful gang crime investigations in BC history was a combined effort along with CFSEU-BC, RCMP, IHIT and others, and supported through provincial funding for gangs and illegal firearms. <p>The Province is also actively pressing the federal government to provide B.C.'s share of the recently announced additional funding of \$326.7 million over five years for help with the fight against guns and gangs.</p>
2018-08-22 21:55	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	RD - PTT	The operator of the Rio Theatre in Vancouver is petitioning the government to waive the PTT on her purchase of the building where the Rio is housed. Reporter asking whether government will consider that request.	ASAP	2018-08-23 0:07	Declined to Comment	Declined.
2018-09-04 18:09	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Port Mann outstanding toll bills	<p>Reporter is looking at a list of outstanding toll bills from TI Corp. The government of BC was on it when reporter requested it earlier this year at the 6th highest bill. Seems to have been paid. Reporter wants to know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -When it was paid? -Why B.C. didn't pay its tolls for months after the tolls closed? -Anything about which ministries, agencies etc were using the bridge? 	ASAP	2018-09-04 21:07	Provided Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Province had paid the majority of its tolls on time since the start of tolling, and settled its account in full on May 11, 2018. • Because of the large number of vehicles in its fleet, the Province relied on a fleet management company to pay its tolls and keep its accounts up to date. • The Province's fleet account is made up of several different ministries and agencies. • The fleet management company required extra time to cross-reference trips and license plates to make sure payments were attributed to the appropriate ministry or agency.
2018-09-05 16:29	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Port Mann outstanding toll bills	Reporter asks: Who is the fleet management company?	ASAP	2018-09-05 16:40	Provided Background	The fleet management company is ARI Fleet Management Services, www.arifleet.ca .
2018-09-05 22:16	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Port Mann outstanding toll bills	Reporter asks: Do you know if any provincial government vehicles weren't insured as a result of the late payment?	ASAP	2018-09-05 22:59	Provided Background	Insurance wasn't refused on any provincial government vehicles
2018-09-11 16:32	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	UBCM	Reporter is at UBCM and would like a few mins of the ministers time to ask her about housing and municipality topics. Specifically, speculation tax and housing, the 4.5% rent increase, as well as her thoughts on cannabis revenue and municipalities.	ASAP	2018-09-11 19:10	Scheduled Interview	Interview scheduled for 12:30pm
2018-09-11 19:08	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Dan Hara contract / report	<p>Reporter says: We're doing a story on the taxi stuff presented at UBCM. Talking to Marielle about this and a Trevena interview. I had some questions about the Hara contract that we received through FOI.</p> <p>QUESTION: Just wondering what the total cost of the report ended up being?</p>	ASAP	2018-09-11 21:15	Provided Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total cost of the contract is valued at \$165,000. • Dr. Hara's contract was extended until December 31, 2018 by up to \$26,000.
2018-09-17 18:15	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	Cannabis seizure	<p>We're looking for Judy Darcy today on marijuana substitution for opiates and whether BC is considering anything like that as a program after Oct 17.</p> <p>> I'm also interested in her reaction to the VPD shutting down the marijuana substitution program at The Overdose Prevention Society.</p>	ASAP	2018-09-18 19:02	Unavailable for Interview	Minister not available

2018-09-20 17:58	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	JIBC board members	<p>Is it acceptable following the casino money-laundering report from Peter German that two JIBC board members are employed by the Great Canadian Gaming Commission, especially as the JIBC sets the tone for law enforcement in the province.</p> <p>Robert Kroeker, JIBC board chair, is the Vice-President of Corporate Security & Compliance for the Great Canadian Gaming Corporation.</p> <p>Jackie Gorton is the Vice President, Technology & Business Intelligence at Great Canadian Gaming Corporation.</p> <p>Dermot Travis with Integrity BC is saying it's not acceptable and they should step down or be removed as they are gov't appointees.</p>	2018-09-20 23:00	2018-09-20 21:31	Provided Background	<p>Hi Jon;</p> <p>Day-to-day management of JIBC is delegated to the JIBC president who leads an executive team.</p> <p>Faculty and staff create the curriculum for programs. Law enforcement programs are developed in conjunction with BC police services. The board is not involved in setting the curriculum for any program.</p> <p>The board of governors is responsible for informing, directing and monitoring the activities of the institute to ensure it meets its strategic objectives and the ministry's, as defined under the Colleges and Institutes Act.</p> <p>Candidates complete a due diligence process prior to appointment to the Board. This process includes identifying conflicts of interest and a declaration by the candidate accepting the responsibilities to the organization.</p>
2018-09-20 16:45	Jon Woodward	CTV News (BC)	2012 money laundering report	<p>Through FOI, the reporter obtained a 2012 report that articulates B.C. casinos' money laundering problem in stark language. The report, titled "Money Laundering in B.C. Casinos, 2007-Present," was featured in Dr. German's report. The reporter believes that the report raises two serious concerns:</p> <p>1) The language used in the report is quite clear, like "alarming" (pg 2) and "suspicious cash entering casinos continues to rise exponentially" (pg 6) and "Organized crime has identified a weakness within Lower Mainland casinos and is exploiting this weakness to expand the laundering of large amounts of money obtained from the proceeds of crime" (Pg 6) and "the integrity of gaming continues to be called into question" (Pg 8) and "I ask the question and give the answer "who has \$200,000 in \$20 bills wrapped in elastic bands in \$10,000 bundles" (Pg 8)? This is very clear language and the reporter is wondering if the minister thinks it was missed then and what the consequences of going public with this then would have been?</p> <p>2) Andrew Wilkinson has turned down David Eby's request for access to privileged documents. Does the clarity of the warning suggest there is more to learn?</p> <p>The reporter would like to schedule a pre-taped on-camera interview with Minister Eby to discuss these concerns. The interview would be five minutes. CTV is able to send a camera to the minister's location.</p>	ASAP	2018-09-20 17:34	Scheduled interview for 12:45 p.m. Sept. 20.	Scheduled interview for 12:45 p.m. Sept. 20.