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To: [Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX](#); [Gee, Susan GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Whittier, Joanne GCPE:EX](#); [Brooke, Daisy GCPE:EX](#); [Robb, Katie GCPE:EX](#); [Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Interview request - Government position on P3s
Date: December 18, 2018 1:47:08 PM

Thanks Chris, we will discuss and let you know where we go with it.

Sonja Zoeller

Communications Manager
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From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX
Sent: December 18, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Gee, Susan GCPE:EX <Susan.Gee@gov.bc.ca>; Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX <Sonja.Zoeller@gov.bc.ca>
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To: [Korinowsky, Alexandra GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Gee, Susan GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Interview request - Government position on P3s
Date: December 19, 2018 10:29:00 AM
Attachments: [IN OIPC Okanagan Correctional Centre.docx](#)

AK – can you please dig into the background on this. I think this person has reported extensively on P3s in the OK.

We'll need to check with MO on response so don't worry about drafting anything yet. Maybe you, Sue and I can connect for a few minutes this afternoon to discuss.

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From: [Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX](#)
Subject: FW: FIN Media Request: PBC - P3
Date: December 19, 2018 2:02:32 PM

Can we chat about this request?

Cit Serv kicked it over to us.

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From: Sonja Zoeller <Sonja.Zoeller@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: December 19, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX <Sonja.Zoeller@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FIN Media Request: PBC - P3

Reporter

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Deadline ASAP

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Background

Recommendation

From: [Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX](#)
To: [GCPE FIN Media Requests GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [GCPE Communications - Finance; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Gillezeau, Rob FIN:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Michell, Jennifer FIN:EX; Zaharia, Sarah GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FIN: End of Day Media Request Report - Dec 18/19
Date: December 19, 2018 3:39:28 PM

In progress:

Graeme- Wood- - Business in Vancouver
ISSUE: PLD - SVT
STATUS: With Minister's Office

Complete:

Joe Fries - Penticton Herald
ISSUE: PBC - P3
STATUS: Declined to Comment

- Declined.

Andrew MacLeod - The Tyee
ISSUE: PSA: Health Firings - Compensation
STATUS: Provided Statement

- Statement attributed to Lori Halls, Deputy Minister, BC Public Service Agency
"The B.C. public service has been working diligently for over a year to address the Ombudsperson's 41 recommendations in the Misfire report. The Hon. Thomas Cromwell has made his recommendations to government regarding compensation payments as contemplated by the Amended Terms of Reference, and the B.C. government has accepted these recommendations.

"Claimants for whom recommendations have been received have been notified of the decision, and once they confirm their agreement, payments will be expedited. This represents a significant step in making reparations for the 2012 health firings – and their harmful consequences – that were found to be unjust, as outlined in the Ombudsperson's Misfire report.

"We welcome all opportunities to learn from these events. Government is committed to ongoing improvement as we work towards building a positive culture of trust and respect across the public service."

Alan Forseth - A Curious Look at Politics in BC blog
ISSUE: PLD - Business Corporation Act
STATUS: Declined to Comment

- Declined.

From: [Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Joe Fries](#)
Subject: Re: Following up on P3 request
Date: December 24, 2018 6:42:18 AM

Hi Joe,

I will follow up on this and see where it is at.

Thanks,

Sonja

From: Joe Fries <joe.fries@pentictonherald.ca>
Sent: December-23-18 9:19 AM
To: Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Following up on P3 request

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Sent: Friday, December 21, 2018 11:35 AM
To: Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX <Sonja.Zoeller@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: joe.fries@pentictonherald.ca
Subject: Fwd: Following up on P3 request

Hi Sonja - redirecting as per Joe's request.

Cheers, Chris

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From: Joe Fries
<joe.fries@pentictonherald.ca<<mailto:joe.fries@pentictonherald.ca>>>
Date: December 21, 2018 at 11:13:33 AM PST
To: "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX"
<Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>>>
Subject: Re: Following up on P3 request

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<Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca<<mailto:Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>> wrote:
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Best of luck with your story and have a wonderful holiday.

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On Dec 20, 2018, at 9:58 AM, Joe Fries
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To: [Justesen, Josh T FIN:EX](#)
Cc: [Gee, Susan GCPE:EX](#); [Peters, Melissa GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Following up on P3 request
Date: December 28, 2018 3:58:06 PM

Thanks Josh. I'm aware of his request and we are working on it.

Best,

Sonja Zoeller
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Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 28, 2018, at 3:46 PM, Justesen, Josh T FIN:EX <Josh.Justesen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good afternoon all,

DMO just received a call/email from Joe Fries.

Please see his request below.

Regards,

Josh Justesen

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Sent: December 28, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Justesen, Josh T FIN:EX <Josh.Justesen@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Josh:

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