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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2019 5:05 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Johal on gas prices

<https://globalnews.ca/video/714945/gas-pains-at-the-pump/>

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2019 3:55 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Sarah Marriott  
**Subject:** FW: Van Sun media request

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**From:** Lawson, Liam FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2019 3:51 PM  
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**Cc:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Van Sun media request

Any suggested changes?

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2019 3:49 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX <[Katie.Robb@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Katie.Robb@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Van Sun media request

For MO consideration: AG would like MCJ to either accept this interview or (recommended) provide bullets on the registry.  
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**From:** Butler, Liam GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 30, 2019 3:08 PM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX <[Robert.Duffus@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robert.Duffus@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Van Sun media request

Hi Kirsten,

Our MO is wondering if MCJ is able to do the below interview, as it focuses on Silver International and the registry. Can you let me know?

If not, the AG would like some specific talking points regarding the registry.

Thanks!

**Liam Butler**  
**Public Affairs Officer**  
**Ministry of Attorney General**  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
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**Reporter**  
Gordon Hoekstra, Reporter  
Vancouver Sun  
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**Deadline to conduct:** Friday, May 3, 2019 3:00 PM

**Request**

The reporter would like to schedule a phone interview with Minister Eby to discuss the Sun's latest story on money laundering and real estate tied to the Silver International base and other RCMP probes:  
<https://vancouversun.com/business/local-business/millions-in-real-estate-linked-to-b-c-money->

laundering-investigations-is-owned-by-nominees. The reporter is also interested in discussing the registry and how to solve the issue of nominee owners (often relatives) who are not the true owners of the property.

The interview would be 10 minutes. The reporter would like to conduct the interview today but is available the rest of the week.

### **Recommendation**



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**Subject:** FW: 20190429 Assessment Notice - edits to copy JS, HF 5pm  
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Option 1

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**Cc:** Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Gas prices/gas taxes generic KMs

Yes, we can definitely help with KMs for Estimates on these kinds of questions. When is MLB up?

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**Cc:** Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Gas prices/gas taxes generic KMs

Hi James – following up on this to see if the centre has messaging. We're expecting questions in estimates about how gas prices are affecting BC tourism industry and want to make sure what we prepare is aligned.

Thanks,

**Sonja Zoeller**  
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**Cc:** Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Gas prices/gas taxes generic KMs

We aren't. Just being proactive – more for tourism-related questions for estimates, if they at all come up at that time.



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**Ramesh Ranjan, Ministerial Assistant**

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**Cc:** Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX <[Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Are you getting media requests?

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**Cc:** Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX <[Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Gas prices/gas taxes generic KMs

Hi team,

Do we have any generic KMs on gas taxes/gas prices? Thanks!



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**To:** Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Urgent! Change in Gas Prices note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.30 QP Environment - Gas prices - FINAL.docx

Tim asked me to make one change in the QP note on gas prices, re: Budget 2019 measures.  
Attached

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**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX; Waters, Leah TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Kater QP Note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.30 QP Note - Kater - DRAFT.docx

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**Subject:** FW: updated note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.30 QP Environment - Gas prices - FINAL.docx

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**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Marriott@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** updated note

Hi all – see attached for an updated QP note.

Thanks,

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**To:** Finn, Heather GCPE:EX  
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Yeah. I like the edits. Shall we show to Tim to make a final call on what the priority for inclusion is?

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**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FYI/Heads up: LNG Letter of Intent

Hey Lori,  
Thanks for this. Could we pull the Hansard of this exchange from estimates?  
And when are we planning to provide this to de Jong?  
Cheers,

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**Cc:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: FYI/Heads up: LNG Letter of Intent

Hi James and Jimmy,

In Estimates this year, Minister Ralston agreed to provide MLA de Jong with a copy of the LNG Letter of Intent once we obtained federal agreement to share. Both federal departments have given the green light, so heads up that this is going up the chain to be sent over to MLA de Jong. I have attached the IN on this issue.

I will flag for GCPE counterparts in Labour and EMPR.

Thanks,

Lori



**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 29, 2019 4:53 PM  
**To:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Motor Fuel Tax - Revenue and expenditure

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**On the Opposition's so-called proposal:**

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- The Opposition so-called plan will not bring relief to drivers but would be a gift to the oil industry.
- So far, the Leader of the Opposition has refused to say which service he would cut to give a subsidy to oil and gas companies.
- What would it be?
  - Would they cut the Surrey SkyTrain? (Motor Fuel Tax – TransLink)
  - The Broadway Extension? (Motor Fuel Tax – TransLink)
  - Maybe cut road repairs? (Motor Fuel Tax – BCTFA)
  - Or would they cut healthcare and education? (Motor Fuel Tax – General Revenue)

**Tax Rates on Clear Gasoline**

Clear Gasoline Tax Rates per Litre			
Type of Tax	South Coast British Columbia Transportation Service Region (Vancouver Area)	Victoria Regional Transit Service (Victoria Area)	Remainder of the Province

Dedicated Motor Fuel Tax – TransLink	17.00¢	N/A	N/A
Dedicated Motor Fuel Tax – BC Transit (Victoria)	N/A	5.50¢	N/A
Dedicated Motor Fuel Tax – BCTFA	6.75¢	6.75¢	6.75¢
Provincial Motor Fuel Tax (general revenue)	1.75¢	7.75¢	7.75¢
<b>Total Motor Fuel Tax</b>	<b>25.50¢</b>	<b>20.00¢</b>	<b>14.50¢</b>
Carbon Tax	8.89¢	8.89¢	8.89¢
<b>Total Provincial Tax</b>	<b>34.39¢</b>	<b>28.89¢</b>	<b>23.39¢</b>

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**To:** Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX; Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX; Ranjan, Ramesh TAC:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request: Whitecaps - for review

No further concerns from me

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**Subject:** RE: Media Request: Whitecaps - for review

Hi James – see highlighted addition below. Work for you?

### Recommendation – Provide Statement from Minister

“Any physical, sexual or psychological harassment and abuse of athletes is completely unacceptable. Athletes have the right to play free of abuse, discrimination and harassment. Inclusion and respect for all British Columbians is a fundamental principle of this government, and we stand with those who have experienced abuse or misconduct in sport or any other part of life.

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“The Whitecaps are an independent professional sport organization, accountable to their leadership and their fans as stakeholders. Reports that a coach of a major soccer league made<sup>s.13</sup> inclusive sport environment are extremely disturbing. It is incumbent on all sports organizations to ensure players are protected and any incident of player abuse should be reported to the appropriate authorities for investigation. s.13

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### For release on background (not for attribution):

- The Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture does not provide any funding to the Whitecaps. The Whitecaps have a licence agreement with the B.C. Pavilion Corporation. The agreement relates strictly to the use of BC Place Stadium for the Whitecaps professional soccer team.

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**Subject:** Media Request: Whitecaps - for review

**Importance:** High

Hi Jimmy,

Hoping for your feedback on the media request below. The reporter is Liza Yuzda, News 1130. Her deadline is Tuesday. Thanks!

### **Request**

The reporter is inquiring about the Vancouver Whitecaps and related allegations about coaching and abuse of athletes and is looking for comment from government.

The reporter would like to know:

1. Do we provide them with any funding?
2. Do the Whitecaps rent property tied to government, such as BC Place?

### **Recommendation – Provide Statement from Minister**

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### **Information related to the request:**

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reference, see The Province article: <https://bit.ly/2IWY6OK>

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**Subject:** RE: 20181122 Spec Tax letter FINAL  
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**Sent:** April 29, 2019 12:42 PM  
**To:** Waters, Leah TRAN:EX; Beale, William TRAN:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Massey updated QP note  
**Attachments:** 2019.4.29 QP Note - Massey Replacement - FINAL.docx

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**Cc:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Peters, Melissa GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FIN Media Request: TPB: Motor fuel tax breakdown

Would it best to pass this request over to JTT and have Ralston provide this statement?

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**Subject:** RE: FIN Media Request: TPB: Motor fuel tax breakdown

I think it's a good idea to include some of it or reference/direct them to the quote in background

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**Subject:** FYI: FIN Media Request: TPB: Motor fuel tax breakdown

Flagging incoming. While we source the tax revenue figures, wondering if we can also use Ralston's statement in the response from last week, Jimmy?

*"It's frustrating for people to see gas prices shooting up while the price of oil stays flat,"*<sup>s.13</sup>

*There is no silver bullet to reducing<sup>s.13</sup> available to the province."*

*at the pump, but our government is looking into regulatory options*

### Reporter

Justine Hunter, Reporter  
Globe and Mail - BC Bureau



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**Deadline** ASAP

**Request**

Requested breakdown of motor fuel taxes & how much each of these gas taxes raises? Translink tax brought in XX last year, etc.

**Background**

**Recommendation**

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Not able to do this before QP prep.<sup>s.13</sup>

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Makes sense.<sup>s.13</sup>

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Updated note on Gas Prices attached

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**Subject:** FW: JTT peas & soybeans

We need hallway KMs on this

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**Sent:** April 29, 2019 8:07 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** JTT peas & soybeans

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**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Chang, Stephanie JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Tech and Cube updated note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.29 QP JTT -Tech Cube - FINAL.docx

attached

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892



## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 29, 2019 10:14 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Chang, Stephanie JTT:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Liam Lawson - (Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca); Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca; Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Gas prices - updated QP note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.29 QP Environment - Gas prices - FINAL.docx

Updated note on Gas Prices attached

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 29, 2019 9:11 AM  
**To:** Duguay, Ilene JTT:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX; Robb, Amanda JTT:EX  
**Cc:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Chang, Stephanie JTT:EX; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX; Walters, Hailey JTT:EX  
**Subject:** RE: QP prep time change

Unfortunately I have other preps from 12:30 onwards

James Smith  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Duguay, Ilene JTT:EX  
Sent: April 29, 2019 9:10 AM  
To: McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Robb, Amanda JTT:EX <Amanda.Robb@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Chang, Stephanie JTT:EX <Stephanie.Chang@gov.bc.ca>; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; Walters, Hailey JTT:EX <Hailey.Walters@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: RE: QP prep time change

Hello James:

Minister Chow has House Duty at that time. Possibly 12:45?

Ilene

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

From: McNish, James JTT:EX  
Sent: April 29, 2019 9:05 AM  
To: Robb, Amanda JTT:EX <Amanda.Robb@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Chang, Stephanie JTT:EX <Stephanie.Chang@gov.bc.ca>; Duguay, Ilene JTT:EX <Ilene.Duguay@gov.bc.ca>; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; Walters, Hailey JTT:EX <Hailey.Walters@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: QP prep time change

Hey team,

We need to push back QP prep back today. Can we do 11:30?

Thanks,

-James

Sent from my iPhone

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 26, 2019 8:31 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: CBU: Talkback - Wilkinson gas prices interview 📎

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[tno@gov.bc.ca](mailto:tno@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 26, 2019 at 4:21:32 PM PDT  
**To:** Undisclosed recipients;;  
**Subject:** CBU: Talkback - Wilkinson gas prices interview 📎

CBU (CBC Vancouver)  
CBC Early Edition  
26-Apr-2019 06:21

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**To:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Tech quote

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**Subject:** Tech quote

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 26, 2019 12:38 PM  
**To:** Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Yano, Brady FIN:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Parkbridge

Hey Liam,  
I need a bit more information on the structure of BC Investment Management Corp and how Parkbridge fits within it. Is it truly a crown corporation?

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892

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**From:** Lawson, Liam FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 26, 2019 12:08 PM  
**To:** Yano, Brady FIN:EX <[Brady.Yano@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brady.Yano@gov.bc.ca)>; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Parkbridge

Issues is looking at it right now. James, when you're ready do you want to come by to discuss?  
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**From:** Yano, Brady FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 26, 2019 11:56 AM  
**To:** Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Parkbridge

Not sure how to proceed with this, thoughts?

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**From:** Bains.MLA, Harry <[Harry.Bains.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Harry.Bains.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** April 26, 2019 11:52 AM  
**To:** Yano, Brady FIN:EX <[Brady.Yano@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brady.Yano@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Parkbridge

Assistance, please!

Warmly,

**Jasmeet Sangha**  
| Constituency Assistant for Hon. Harry Bains, MLA for Surrey-Newton |  
| #105 – 7327 137 Street, Surrey BC, V3W 1A4 |  
| P: 604-597-8248 | F: 604-574-8882 | E: [Jasmeet.Sangha@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Jasmeet.Sangha@leg.bc.ca)



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**From:** Evan Brett [<mailto:evbrett@telus.net>]

**Sent:** Sunday, April 21, 2019 10:47 AM

**To:** Bains.MLA, Harry <[Harry.Bains.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Harry.Bains.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** s.22 ; Georgene Waltham <[immhoa.waltham@gmail.com](mailto:immhoa.waltham@gmail.com)>; Glen Beauchamp  
s.22 ; Judy Mayer <[judynn timer@yahoo.ca](mailto:judynn timer@yahoo.ca)>; Kandas Hufsmith <[Kandyhuf@hotmail.com](mailto:Kandyhuf@hotmail.com)>; Marion

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<[rozbailey555@gmail.com](mailto:rozbailey555@gmail.com)>; Teresa Jones <[teresakirkwood@hotmail.com](mailto:teresakirkwood@hotmail.com)>; Tina Craig <[tinamcraig@shaw.ca](mailto:tinamcraig@shaw.ca)>

**Subject:** Parkbridge

Mr. Bains,

I am a director/treasurer of the Lower Mainland Manufactured Homeowners Association. You have been very supportive of our efforts over the years and we meet in your office once a month. That assistance is gratefully appreciated.

I wonder if you could do us another favour. I assume you know who Brad Lavigne is. He is a former journalist and a long-time NDP strategist. And I also assume that you know who Parkbridge Community Lifestyle Corp. is. It is the owner/operator of many manufactured home parks throughout BC and across Canada. And Parkbridge is owned outright by BC Investment Management Corp. BCIMC is a Crown Corporation and Carol James, as Minister of Finance, sits on the BCIMC board.

It is our understanding that Brad Lavigne has been hired by Parkbridge to lobby with your government on its behalf. We are not sure:

1. Why a strong NDP supporter has been hired by Parkbridge
2. What purpose Parkbridge has in mind by putting him on their payroll.
3. Why does Parkbridge need an outside lobbyist. when it has direct access to the government via its mother company, BCIMC.

As you can imagine, this is disconcerting for all manufactured homeowners throughout the province, especially homeowners in a Parkbridge park. Of course, the obvious reason may be an attempt to gain back the 2% loss of income park owners received last year because of the government's change of policy – an act that we definitely appreciated but I'm sure not so much by park owners.

In any case, can you find out what is going on? We would appreciate hearing anything that would be of assistance. Thank you.

Evan Brett  
Director/Treasurer  
LMMHOA



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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 26, 2019 12:28 PM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Globe and Mail Media Request - Kathy Tomlinson -- Immigration Fraud

Apologies for a late response.

Suggested changes (highlighted) to clarify we're not talking about illegal immigration, but rather abuse of the program and those within it.

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### Statement from Minister Ralston

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Issues Manager  
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**From:** McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Sent:** April 26, 2019 11:31 AM  
**To:** Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>; Jang, Monica JTT:EX <Monica.Jang@gov.bc.ca>; Mihlar, Fazil JTT:EX <Fazil.Mihlar@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Globe and Mail Media Request - Kathy Tomlinson -- Immigration Fraud

Hi Lori,

Approved without edits

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2019, at 12:00 PM, Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi James,

Kathy Tomlinson has a media inquiry around immigration fraud. Please see the below for the response. I have also attached a Word document should you need to track any changes. We require approval by noon tomorrow, please.

Thanks,

Lori

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**Reporter**

Kathy Tomlinson, Reporter  
Globe and Mail  
[KTomlinson@globeandmail.com](mailto:KTomlinson@globeandmail.com)  
604-349-7904

**Deadline** Friday, April 26, 2019 Noon

**Request**

Hi Lori.

I am working on a possible story about a particular kind of arrangement involving immigration consultants, but our focus is primarily on the role of the employers.

These employers are primarily franchisees or small business owners in the service sector – restaurants, gas stations, convenience stores – and they “hire” international students (or other temporary residents) who want sponsorship through the provincial nominee program. Almost all of them involve Indian nationals.

Here is what I have been told, by multiple sources:

The consultants offer deals to the international students/temp residents, whereby if they pay them

roughly \$20 thousand to \$50 thousand (all or most in cash) they will arrange a job offer and/or a job for them with one of the consultants' employer clients. The students say the consultants tell them the fees are high because the employer gets a large cut. I am also told by consultants who have witnessed these practices that the employers are indeed involved in the arrangements. The employer then sponsors the student/temp resident under the BC PNP.

I am told once the deal is done one of these things happens (or a variation):

- The student never actually works for the employer but instead cashes the paycheques and gives the money back to the employer, plus covers the payroll taxes for the employer
- The student works for the employer, but for more hours and much less hourly pay than what the payroll records indicate
- The student works for the employer but also has to pay back a portion of their pay as well as covering the payroll taxes

Here are my questions:

- Has the BC PNP received any information or complaints about these practices in the last five years and, if so, how many complaints/tips has it received of this nature?
- How many of those complaints/tips were forwarded to IRCC and/or the CBSA for follow up/investigation/enforcement, and what exactly came of that?
- What has the BC PNP done on its own in the last five years to put a stop to these practices (please give examples)?

Thanks for any specific answers or data you can send me. My deadline is end of next week – Friday April 27. Thanks!

Kathy Tomlinson  
Investigative Reporter, Globe and Mail  
604-631-6628

### **Background Recommendation**

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 26, 2019 10:00 AM  
**To:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Toronto Star Headline on Money Laundering

Hey Katie,

This headline appears to be wrong.

I think the closest thing she says to it in the article: "If one province puts something in place and the other provinces don't ... it provides an opportunity."

While that's not the key message, it's most certainly not shoveling the problem to Toronto.

Do we have audio of the interview?

Should we follow up with Marco Chown Oved?

<https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2019/04/25/bc-says-its-money-laundering-reforms-could-push-dirty-money-to-toronto.html>

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 5:30 PM  
**To:** Ralston, Bruce JTT:EX  
**Cc:** Szabo, Maria JTT:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Gas Taxes per L

Hello Minister,  
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Cheer.

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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**From:** McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 8:00 AM  
**To:** Ralston, Bruce JTT:EX <Bruce.Ralston@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Gas Taxes per L

Minister below are the provincial taxes levied on gasoline. In addition the federal government has a 10.00 cent gas tax, and GST of 7.6 cents for an additional 17.6 cents.

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### Total Taxes on Gasoline, 2015-19

Motor Fuel Tax
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		TransLink Service Region				Victoria Regional Transit Commission Area				Re
Year	Carbon Tax	TransLink Dedicated	General Revenue	BCTFA	Total	VRTC Dedicated	General Revenue	BCTFA	Total	General Revenue
2019/20	8.89	17	1.75	6.75	34.39	5.5	7.75	6.75	28.89	7.75
2018/19	7.78	17	1.75	6.75	33.28	5.5	7.75	6.75	27.78	7.75
2017/18	6.67	17	1.75	6.75	32.17	3.5	7.75	6.75	24.67	7.75
2016/17	6.67	17	1.75	6.75	32.17	3.5	7.75	6.75	24.67	7.75
2015/16	6.67	17	1.75	6.75	32.17	3.5	7.75	6.75	24.67	7.75

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**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Notes on gas prices

Can someone on one of the Comms Team send this to Ian Bailey please.

**Ian Bailey** | Reporter B.C. Bureau  
p: 604-631-6652 | c:604-340-8744 | e: [ibailey@globeandmail.com](mailto:ibailey@globeandmail.com)  
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**From:** McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 3:07 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <[Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <[Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca)>; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Notes on gas prices

This is approved by mbr

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 3:05 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <[Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** McNish, James JTT:EX <[James.McNish@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.McNish@gov.bc.ca)>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <[Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca)>; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)>  
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“There is no silver bullet to reducing the prices at the pump, but our government is looking into regulatory options available to the province.”

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**Sent:** April 25, 2019 2:53 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** McNish, James JTT:EX <[James.McNish@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.McNish@gov.bc.ca)>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <[Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca)>; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <[Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Notes on gas prices

Hi Jimmy

We made a few edits to the attached.

Note: we have not sent to program experts to fact check.

Brad

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**From:** Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 2:50 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Notes on gas prices

Brad,  
I included a comment on reference to SkyTrain projects.  
I also softened language around "gouging." Over to you.

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 2:26 PM  
**To:** Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX <[Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <[Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Notes on gas prices

Dave, can you put this in our standard format. I will find out if they've got approvals from anywhere yet. If not, they might miss the deadline.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 2:16 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Notes on gas prices

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Can we get approval before 3pm? That's Ian Bailey's deadline.

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James Smith  
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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2019 6:30 PM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX <[James.McNish@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.McNish@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Notes on gas prices

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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## **Gas Prices**

### Background:

- Gasoline prices in the Lower Mainland continue to hit record highs with reports of \$1.79 a litre at one station in Delta and many stations at \$1.73.
- Alberta Premier Designate Jason Kenney, says one of his first actions after his April 30th swearing in will be to enact Bill 12 to give powers to restrict gasoline flow to BC.
- There are two refineries in BC that meet approximately 25% of gasoline needs. The remaining 75% is imported. About 65% from Alberta and 10% from the US.
- The Opposition has suggested BC should increase its fuel supply, provide a break on the motor vehicle fuel tax and return to a revenue neutral carbon tax.
- The old government increased the carbon tax on gasoline from 0 to 6.67 cents and raised the TransLink motor fuel tax from 9 to 17 cents - a total of nearly 15 cents.

### Message:

- It's frustrating for people to see gas prices shooting up while the price of oil stays flat, or even goes down.



- We're concerned about the fact that we see very high refining and retail margins compared to other parts of the country.
- It appears to be a matter of oil companies taking advantage of constrained refining capacity to pocket huge profits.
- There is no silver bullet here.
- While we don't control the market of gas prices, we are working hard to make life more affordable for people.

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## **Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX**

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 3:01 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Malahat

### **Malahat Emergency Detour - Save the Sooke Hills**

#### Background:

- On March 13, the CRD Board stating its opposition to “new highway infrastructure development that is open to the public through Sooke Hills Regional Park” and opposed development in the Greater Victoria Water Supply Area and the Drinking Water Protection Zone.
- The ministry is continuing the initial feasibility work and expects to have a report available later this spring.
- There are “Hands Off the Sooke Hills” protests planned for Friday coinciding with the Premier’s visit.

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**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Notes on gas prices

Can we get Minister approval asap?

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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**Sent:** April 25, 2019 2:22 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Notes on gas prices

I haven't seen the request yet, but I'm fine with the statement. I don't really know the gas prices files so will defer to you on it.

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 2:16 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Notes on gas prices

My suggestion for a statement in response to emerging media requests on Wilkinson's proposal. And specifically for Ian Bailey from the Globe and Mail.

Can we get approval before 3pm? That's Ian Bailey's deadline.

"It's frustrating for people to see gas prices shooting up while the price of oil stays flat, or even goes down. Mr. Wilkinson's proposal would only result in a subsidy for oil and gas companies, because if taxes were reduced by 2 cents there is nothing to stop companies from raising prices by another 4 cents. In the meantime, Mr. Wilkinson would be cutting funding for projects like the Surrey SkyTrain and the Broadway Extension.

In the last four months, gas prices have gone up 30 cents but during that time, there has only been a single cent increase in the carbon tax. Mr. Wilkinson doesn't want to talk about where the other 29 cents are going and the degree to which oil and gas companies are responsible for this gouging.

There is no silver bullet to reducing the gouging at the pump, but our government is looking into regulatory options available to the province."

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2019 6:30 PM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Notes on gas prices

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### Background:

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**Sent:** April 25, 2019 1:21 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Wilkinson - gas prices CBC 📎

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 12:52 PM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Paulson, Dave GCPE:EX <Dave.Paulson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Wilkinson - gas prices CBC 📎

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CBC Early Edition  
25-Apr-2019 07:41

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 12:56 PM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Beale, William TRAN:EX; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Friday in Langford and Sooke

Thanks, We also need a note on Save the Sooke Hills/Malahat detour

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**From:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 12:55 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Beale, William TRAN:EX <William.Beale@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Friday in Langford and Sooke

Here's our IN from early March. This hasn't really come up til now, following the crazy busy w/e for BCF.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 12:27 PM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX <William.Beale@gov.bc.ca>; Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Friday in Langford and Sooke

Did we know this was coming out? <https://globalnews.ca/news/5199176/bc-ferries-reservation-overhaul/>  
Any implications we need to worry about?

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 12:07 PM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX <William.Beale@gov.bc.ca>; Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Issue Scan - Friday in Langford and Sooke

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 12:12 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Friday in Langford & Sooke

Thank you

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 12:11 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Friday in Langford & Sooke

The CFIB business confidence index monthly report is out with some negative comments on the tax burden. We will have an updated IN for you this afternoon.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 12:03 PM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Issue Scan - Friday in Langford & Sooke

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 12:06 PM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Liam Lawson - (Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca); Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca; Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Issue Scan - Friday in Langford and Sooke

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** draft statement from JTT

"It's frustrating for people to see gas prices shooting up while the price of oil stays flat,"<sup>s.13</sup>  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 11:31 AM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX  
**Cc:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FIN Media Request: TPB: Gas prices

We're going to have JTT respond to all requests about Wilkinson's proposal on gas prices

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 11:20 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX <Katie.Robb@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Molly FIN:EX <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** NEW: FIN Media Request: TPB: Gas prices

Flagging incoming – something perhaps PO would like to weigh in on/take?  
Note reporter has also asked EMPR for a list of gasoline sources for BC (AB, US, BC).

### Reporter

Ian Bailey, Reporter  
Globe and Mail - BC Bureau  
[ibailey@globeandmail.com](mailto:ibailey@globeandmail.com)  
604-631-6652 c: 604-340-8744

**Deadline** Thursday, April 25, 2019 3:00 PM

### Request

I am working on a story for tomorrow's paper on high gasoline prices in British Columbia, working towards a 3 pm PT deadline today.

There has been a call on the government to adjust provincial fuel taxes to provide relief to drivers.

What is the finance minister's position on this idea? Is it something the minister and the government is prepared to consider? If so, is there is a timetable for action? If not, why not?

I would appreciate any comment on this matter.

### Background

### Recommendation

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 11:14 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CKNW: Callers - gas prices

Huzzah

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**From:** tno@gov.bc.ca <tno@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 10:25 AM  
**Subject:** CKNW: Callers - gas prices

CKNW (Vancouver)  
CKNW Jon McComb  
25-Apr-2019 09:50

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 10:43 AM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: For MO decision - 2 choices - Massey Tunnel response

Sorry can we also replace the last sentence for this? Can we be this obvious about the tunnel?

While this letter demonstrates the failures of the last government, we're encouraged to see a consensus emerging in favour of a new tunnel with clear objectives to fix this bottleneck without making drivers pay unfair tolls.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 10:14 AM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX <William.Beale@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: For MO decision - 2 choices - Massey Tunnel response

Can we add underlined?

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**From:** Beale, William TRAN:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 9:18 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: For MO decision - 2 choices - Massey Tunnel response

William Beale  
Sr MA Transportation

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX" <[Lianne.Bowness@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lianne.Bowness@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 25, 2019 at 9:15:43 AM PDT  
**To:** "Beale, William TRAN:EX" <[William.Beale@gov.bc.ca](mailto:William.Beale@gov.bc.ca)>, "Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX" <[Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca)>, "Stone, Lynne TRAN:EX" <[Lynne.Stone@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lynne.Stone@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Crebo, David GCPE:EX" <[David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca)>, "Flood, Leanne GCPE:EX" <[Leanne.Flood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leanne.Flood@gov.bc.ca)>, "Tomana, Sukhi GCPE:EX" <[Sukhi.Tomana@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sukhi.Tomana@gov.bc.ca)>, "Weiss, Jamie GCPE:EX" <[Jamie.Weiss@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jamie.Weiss@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** For MO decision - 2 choices - Massey Tunnel response

Hi Will – as requested – here are 2 choices for our response to the reporters asking to talk to the Minister about Massey.

Please let us know which one to issue – we have 5 requests on this. Thanks!

**Suggested Ministry response on background:**

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's project team has been actively engaging identified Indigenous Groups, Metro Vancouver, TransLink and Fraser River municipalities since January 2019 to develop shared principles, goals and objectives that align with regional priorities. The Metro Vancouver Board will be reviewing this information at its April 26 meeting. Given the urgent need for a solution, the ministry is committed to completing a business case by fall 2020, so that funding sources can be confirmed and procurement can begin.

**Suggested Minister Trevena statement:**

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**Lianne Bowness | Communications Manager**  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure  
Direct: 250-356-7707  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 10:39 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: CBC Early Edition interview request

Hey James and Brad,  
MBR and I spoke after his good performance on NW today. He said he's up for doing more radio on this and as luck would have PJH can't do this request for tomorrow on the Early Edition.  
Can the Minister do this one?

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**From:** Vivian Luk <[vivian.luk@cbc.ca](mailto:vivian.luk@cbc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 25, 2019 at 7:52:42 AM PDT  
**To:** "McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX" <[Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: CBC Early Edition interview request

Hi Sheena,

Would the Premier be available for an interview on The Early Edition with Stephen Quinn tomorrow, either at 7:10 or 7:40?

We're speaking with Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkinson this morning about high gas prices, and it'd be great to hear from the Premier tomorrow.

Please let me know.

Many thanks,

Vivian Luk  
CBC Radio One  
O: 604-662-6114  
E: [vivian.luk@cbc.ca](mailto:vivian.luk@cbc.ca)  
T: @vivluk  




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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 9:05 AM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Beale, William TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Massey

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Date:** April 25, 2019 at 8:38:21 AM PDT  
**To:** Tim Howlett <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Massey

### Massey Replacement - Letter from Mayors

Background:

- A joint letter from the Mayors of Delta, Richmond, Surrey, White Rock, and Vancouver and the Chiefs of the Tsawwassen First Nation and the Musqueam Indian Band was sent to the Premier on March 29, 2019 regarding replacement of the Massey Tunnel.
- The letter indicated a preference for a tunnel option, including a cost-effective deep bored tunnel if possible.
- The letter suggests the Province's current timeline means a new crossing won't be completed until 2030, and urges the Province to work towards completion by 2025-2026.
- The Metro Vancouver Board's task force is also working to ensure consensus is reached for goals and objectives of a future replacement project.

Message:

- Unlike the former government, we chose to discuss the options with communities and will ensure their voices are heard and are a part of the decision.
- I'm pleased that key Metro Vancouver Mayors and First Nation Chiefs came together to determine priorities.
- They again have been clear that the old government's 10-lane toll bridge was not the right project for the region.
- The Metro Board has also established a task force to achieve consensus on goals and objectives for the project.
- I look forward to working collaboratively with the communities to fix this bottleneck – and without adding unfair tolls.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 8:56 AM  
**To:** Ralston, Bruce JTT:EX  
**Cc:** Szabo, Maria JTT:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Wilkinson on CBC this morning

Hey Minister,  
Wilkinson was on CBC earlier and made two key points:

1. Gov should rebate taxes if gas prices go over a certain level

—> Our current lines on this work well: this would be a subsidy for gas companies as they would simply raise prices

2. BC needs to repair its relationship with Alberta

—> Only addition is that Premier Horgan has already spoken with Premier Designate Kenney and they've agreed to work positively on the many issues our two provinces care deeply about.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 25, 2019 8:31 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Massey Scan supplement

Was just going to call you. Yes.

On Apr 25, 2019, at 8:29 AM, Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <[Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

The Mayors released their letter on Massey from March 29. Can you pull lines that I can send as an update to PJH first thing?

<http://tno.gov.bc.ca/tno/servlet/tno.otis.servlet?command=showstory&rsn=421053440&type=Newspaper&publication=Vancouver+Sun&series=Harrison+Mooney>

Tim Howlett  
Director of Issues Management  
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**Sent:** April 24, 2019 6:30 PM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX  
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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2019 5:11 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: JTT Media Request: Gas prices

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2019 5:10 PM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Robb, Amanda JTT:EX <Amanda.Robb@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** JTT Media Request: Gas prices

### Reporter

Jon McComb, Host  
CKNW AM 980  
[tw@cknw.com](mailto:tw@cknw.com)

**Deadline** Thursday, April 25, 2019 9:12 AM

### Request

Following Andrew Wilkinson who is likely going to go hard on gas prices and the Premier's recent comments, Minister Ralston is asked to give the government's perspective.

Minister Ralston can call in early and listen to Andrew Wilkinson's segment - or call after, no later than 9:12am

9:07am Andrew Wilkinson  
9:12am last minute for MBR to call in  
9:15am Minister Ralston on air

CALL 604 694 6991

Pippa Reed | Lead Producer - The Jon McComb Show | 980 CKNW | T. 778-233-7541 (use this number for back up)

Note: KM's to come later this evening from Issues Manager

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2019 4:29 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: gas prices - Reply to Wilkinson

Producer at John McComb Show

James Smith  
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**From:** Pippa Reed <[Pippa.Reed@cknw.com](mailto:Pippa.Reed@cknw.com)>  
**Date:** April 24, 2019 at 11:18:00 AM PDT

**Subject:** gas prices

Hi Sheena,

Hope you're well.

We are planning on having Andrew Wilkinson on with McComb tomorrow morning and he's likely going to go hard on Horgan and gas prices. Can we arrange for a right of reply? We have 9:15 available. Let me know – thanks!

Pippa

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2019 2:14 PM  
**To:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Media Availability: Horgan - Hwy 14 upgrades & gasoline prices

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**From:** tno@gov.bc.ca <tno@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 23, 2019 12:34 PM  
**Subject:** Media Availability: Horgan - Hwy 14 upgrades & gasoline prices

Media Availability  
Horgan - 17 Mile House Pub event  
23-Apr-2019 11:32

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 24, 2019 9:36 AM  
**To:** Liam Lawson - (Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** gas prices

Advice to Minister

## **Gas Prices**

### Background:

- As of April 23, gas prices in Victoria were over \$1.62/L and in Castlegar upwards of \$1.47/L.
- Alberta Premier Designate Jason Kenney, says one of his first actions after his April 30th swearing in will be to enact Bill 12 to give powers to restrict gasoline flow to BC.
- There are two refineries in BC that meet approximately 25% of gasoline needs. The remaining 75% is imported. About 65% from Alberta and 10% from the US.
- The Opposition has been suggesting BC should increase its fuel supply, provide a break on the motor vehicle fuel tax and return to a revenue neutral carbon tax.
- The old government increased the carbon tax on gasoline from 0 to 6.67 cents and raised the TransLink motor fuel tax from 9 to 17 cents - a total of nearly 15 cents.

### Message:

- It's really frustrating for people to see gas prices shooting up while the price of oil stays flat, or even goes down.
- We're concerned about the fact that we see very high refining and retail margins compared to other parts of the country.
- It seems this may be a matter of oil companies taking advantage of constrained refining capacity to pocket huge profits.
- While we don't control the market, we are working hard every day to make life more affordable for people.
- There isn't a silver bullet here. The Opposition is playing politics but their proposal would just be a subsidy to the gas companies.

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 23, 2019 3:04 PM  
**To:** Takkar, Nimmi PSSG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Castlegar story for scan - PSSG?

Hey. Anything?

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**From:** Takkar, Nimmi PSSG:EX  
**Sent:** April 23, 2019 1:51 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Castlegar story for scan - PSSG?

Just checking on this one

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 23, 2019, at 1:34 PM, Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hello Nimmi,  
Does your office or your CD have anything on this case below? It's for the Premier's scan for today, so anything you could rush over would be helpful.  
Thank you!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX" <[Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 23, 2019 at 1:29:10 PM PDT  
**To:** "Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX" <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Castlegar story for scan - PSSG?

**Funding squeeze forces Castlegar women's centre to cut hours**

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Tim Howlett

Director of Issues Management

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 23, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Issue Scan - Wednesday in Castlegar

Hello!

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**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Thomson, Krystal  
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**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Liam Lawson - (Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca); Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca; Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
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**Sent:** April 23, 2019 12:11 PM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATED RESPONSE: Tom Fletcher tweet - CEO Network

Scrum just ended. He was not asked about this.

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 23, 2019 11:42 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: UPDATED RESPONSE: Tom Fletcher tweet - CEO Network

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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 23, 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca)>; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <[Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca)>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Subject:** Re: UPDATED RESPONSE: Tom Fletcher tweet - CEO Network

I agree, think that's as good as it could have been.

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**From:** "Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX" <[Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** 2019-04-18 6:55 PM (GMT-05:00)  
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**Cc:** "Infante, James SDPR:EX" <[James.Infante@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Infante@gov.bc.ca)>, "Squance, Leah SDPR:EX" <[Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca)>, "Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX" <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>, "Lawson, Liam FIN:EX" <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>, "Anderson, Maryann GCPE:EX" <[Maryann.Anderson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Maryann.Anderson@gov.bc.ca)>, "Henry, Molly FIN:EX" <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Subject: RE: UPDATED RESPONSE: Tom Fletcher tweet - CEO Network

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*"Board vice-chair Karyn Santiago objected to comments made by Premier John Horgan last week, suggesting non-union agencies might not deliver low-wage redress payments to their employees."*

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 3:46 PM  
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**Cc:** Infante, James SDPR:EX <[James.Infante@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Infante@gov.bc.ca)>; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <[Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca)>; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>  
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FYI - <https://www.vicnews.com/news/lawsuit-eyed-over-union-only-raise-for-b-c-community-care-workers/>

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**Cc:** Infante, James SDPR:EX <[James.Infante@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Infante@gov.bc.ca)>; Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <[Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca)>; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATED RESPONSE: Tom Fletcher tweet - CEO Network

Looks good – s.13

Thanks everyone for your patience on this one.

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**From:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
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**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca)>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <[Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca)>; Anderson, Maryann GCPE:EX <[Maryann.Anderson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Maryann.Anderson@gov.bc.ca)>

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**Cc:** Draper, Kindree PSEC:EX <[Kindree.Draper@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kindree.Draper@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** UPDATED RESPONSE: Tom Fletcher tweet - CEO Network  
**Importance:** High



Updated version via SDPR, signed off by Fin DMO (and shorter now).

I'm bringing in Kindree so she knows the language has changed.

If everyone is ok with the below, SDPR can pull the trigger.

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**From:** Spaven, Teri FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 1:25 PM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Michell, Jennifer FIN:EX <[Jennifer.Michell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Michell@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: for review: Tom Fletcher tweet - CEO Network

I am comfortable with this version. If there are any further changes, please ensure that PSEC is made aware.



## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 23, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Liam Lawson - (Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Spec tax housing information

Hello Robyn and Liam!

Hope you've both had a wonderful long weekend.

Wanted to check in with you about the roll out plans for the Spec tax declaration information package.

I got the update from April 16 from Liam, but are we putting together an IB with up-to-date numbers and if so do we gave a timeline?

Cheers!

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 23, 2019 10:22 AM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Mackenzie Interchange

Hello David!  
Hope you had a wonderful long weekend.  
Can you pass me the IN on the Mackenzie Interchange?  
Thanks!

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 3:37 PM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** MADD commented

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5182957/madd-concerns-bc-ferries-selling-wine-beer/>

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 3:02 PM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX; Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX; Beale, William TRAN:EX; Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX  
**Cc:** Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Weiss, Jamie GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: FOR APPROVAL: TRAN Media Request: Service Area 17 contract award

I've made recommendations for changes below. s.13;s.16  
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**From:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 4:22 PM  
**To:** Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX <Danielle.Pope@gov.bc.ca>; Beale, William TRAN:EX <William.Beale@gov.bc.ca>; Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX <James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX <Lianne.Bowness@gov.bc.ca>; Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>; Weiss, Jamie GCPE:EX <Jamie.Weiss@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: FOR APPROVAL: TRAN Media Request: Service Area 17 contract award

Adding Jimmy Smith, the s.22 Issues Manager for MOTI.

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**From:** Pope, Danielle GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 4:21 PM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX <William.Beale@gov.bc.ca>; Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX <James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX <Lianne.Bowness@gov.bc.ca>; Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>; Weiss, Jamie GCPE:EX <Jamie.Weiss@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL: TRAN Media Request: Service Area 17 contract award

**Will, James, Melanie and Aileen,**

For your approval, please. The below has been approved by Ian Pilkington and program, though we wanted to flag this as it is issues based. Let us know when approved.

Thanks,  
Danielle

**Reporter**  
Rebecca Dyok, Reporter  
The Goat 97.5 - Williams Lake

## **Deadline ASAP**

### **Request**

Reporter is working on a story about the Tsilhqot'in National Government, which issued a media release today Wednesday (April 17) about not winning the contract award for Service Area 17.

Background: The release says:

"The Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) is disappointed by its unsuccessful bid for the Area 17 Highway Service Contract. Through a joint partnership, TNG had placed a bid to become the Highway Maintenance Contractor for the Central Cariboo Region, known as Service Area 17."

"MoTI's failure to award the contract to a fully qualified Indigenous-driven business is a tremendous missed opportunity. It fails to uphold the mandates of the B.C. NDP government and the commitment that B.C has made to implement the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. Furthermore, the provincial government's reconciliation agreement with the Tsilhqot'in Nation, the Nenqay Deni Accord, includes provincial commitments to support the Tsilhqot'in in their pursuit to a sustainable economic base. The decision by MoTI fails to uphold this commitment."

"TEN and TNG are currently reviewing all legal options for addressing the technical errors that occurred during the procurement process for the submission."

### **QUESTIONS:**

- Would the Ministry be able to comment on this?
- What led to the bid being unsuccessful?
- Who was awarded the contract?
- Where is Service Area 17?

## **Background**

### **Recommendation**

- The new contract for Service Area 17, which provides maintenance on provincial roadways for several communities including Williams Lake and Bella Coola, has once again been awarded to Interior Roads Ltd. The new contract will begin on July 1, 2019.
- The Tsilhqot'in First Nation submitted a proposal for this service area in a joint venture with other local contracting companies.
- This is the first time one of B.C.'s Indigenous communities has bid on a maintenance contract, and while their bid was not selected, we are pleased to see the Tsilhqot'in enter the process.

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- Maintenance contracts are awarded through a fair and open bidding process.

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 1:53 PM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Seeking approval - stm on Booze on BC ferries

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 10:30 AM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX <William.Beale@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Seeking approval - stm on Booze on BC ferries

Statement from MCT for reporters covering this story

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 12:59 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: For MO review asap: PSEC low wage redress

Add to question #3

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 12:58 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: For MO review asap: PSEC low wage redress

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**From:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 18, 2019 12:57 PM  
**To:** Squance, Leah SDPR:EX <[Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Leah.Squance@gov.bc.ca)>; Infante, James SDPR:EX <[James.Infante@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Infante@gov.bc.ca)>; Anderson, Maryann GCPE:EX <[Maryann.Anderson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Maryann.Anderson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: For MO review asap: PSEC low wage redress

Hi folks – draft responses below – still haven’t been signed off by FIN but in the interest of time I’m looping you in. Molly calling you now.

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 12:49 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
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Would suggest one change to first bullet:

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2019, at 3:26 PM, Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Makes sense. Changes below for Molly/Liam to review as a whole.  
Let me know if you need me to try to push the reporter's deadline (which is 2pm, currently).

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca)>; Henry, Molly FIN:EX <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>  
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Thanks Kirsten

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX

**Sent:** April 18, 2019 12:03 PM

**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** For MO review asap: PSEC low wage redress

SDPR has agreed to respond - we just need MO sign off by 1pm today for response to Fletcher.

PSEC has reviewed/approved the below:

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX  
**Cc:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: For MO review asap: PSEC low wage redress

SDPR is working on changes to response of question #1.

My only addition to other two is to make it clear that the Economic Stability Dividend was done under the previous government.

Thanks Kirsten

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Issues Manager  
GCPE  
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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 12:03 PM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>  
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1. Has Minister Simpson or Minister James responded to this organization since Minister Simpson's meeting with them?  
Can such a response be shared with me?

- SDPR DM had a conversation on April 11 with Doug Tennant of CEO network in response to an email from Doug. Doug laid out their next steps. DM responded that government is discussing the issue and that a response won't be in a couple of days but would take a couple of weeks

2. Does the current system of wage rate reporting through the Community Social Services Employer Association allow employers to underpay staff, as the premier suggested last week?

- As Premier Horgan has stated, at this time, non-union service providers have operational discretion to determine employee pay rates.
- This is because at present, there is no overarching compensation framework for non-CSSEA, non-union organizations. And, wage reporting to CSSEA is voluntary for non-union, non-CSSEA organizations.
- Government recognizes this issue needs to be addressed along with a number of other governance questions within the social services sector.
- The intention is to strengthen the social services sector to help ensure British Columbians receive the quality services they deserve, delivered in a consistent manner regardless of whether the service provider is unionized or not.

- This is not an issue that can be fixed overnight; however, government is working on it and recognizes that disparities need to be addressed within this vital sector.

3. Can you confirm that the unequal payment of contractors is a result of negotiations with the BCGEU, HEU and/or other unions, as the premier suggested last week?

- Wage disparity is not a new issue in the social services sector. There has always been a difference in wages and benefits for union and non-union staff in this sector because there is no overarching compensation framework that defines equal compensation for equal work sector-wide. There has also been a historical disparity in how similar occupations are paid between the unionized health and unionized social services sectors because of collective agreement terms.
- Furthermore, the Economic Stability Dividend (1.95%) – included in the previous mandate – was not provided to non-union, non-CSSEA organizations.
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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.



## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 10:30 AM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Seeking approval - stm on Booze on BC ferries

Statement from MCT for reporters covering this story

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 9:33 AM  
**To:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: ferries  
**Attachments:** Employee Communication - Beer and Wine Pilot (2) - ab.pdf; ATT00001.htm

It's 7 pages long

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**From:** Beale, William TRAN:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 8:53 AM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: ferries

**From:** "Marshall, Deborah" <Deborah.Marshall@bcferries.com>  
**Date:** April 18, 2019 at 8:45:18 AM PDT  
**To:** "Crebo, David GCPE:EX" <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** "Humphries, Tessa" <Tessa.Humphries@bcferries.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Booze on ferries

Hi Dave. We are monitoring media. Coverage straight up. Attached is the memo that got leaked. It has all the info you are looking for.

We don't have a definite implementation date yet (depends on liquor license etc...). We are saying "summer".

We will continue to assess media coverage. At this point we are saying, we are planning a pilot. We are confirming details of leaked memo when asked. Official announcement with details coming soon.

I'll keep you posted.

Deborah Marshall  
Executive Director, Public Affairs  
Marketing & Customer Experience  
British Columbia Ferry Services Inc.  
T: 250-978-1267 C: 250-516 7211

[deborah.marshall@bcferries.com](mailto:deborah.marshall@bcferries.com)

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 18, 2019 8:51 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** KMs Beer & Wine on Ferries pilot

### Background:

- On April 17, The Orca publishes a leaked memo from B.C. Ferries laying out the details of a limited pilot project to offer beer and wine.
- The memo says the pilot will start in June with just three vessels, the Spirit of British Columbia, Spirit of Vancouver, and Coastal Celebration, each serving the route between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen.
- The memo also says there significant limitations including restricting liquor to the Pacific Buffet and limiting to a two drink maximum

KMs

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 5:38 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Bc Tech's stmt

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**From:** McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 4:03 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Bc Tech's stmt

**BC needs to come to the table**  
**April 17, 2019**

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 4:43 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Thursday in Metro Van

No, an elementary school. Or maybe a high school. For sure not SFU

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 4:42 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Thursday in Metro Van

Is the education in Surrey event at SFU?

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 4:39 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Thursday in Metro Van

Where are you getting SFU from?  
I don't have that

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 4:36 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Thursday in Metro Van

Do you know what time the SFU event is?

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:23 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Issue Scan - Thursday in Metro Van

Hey hey!  
Another wonderful scan today. This one is for Metro Vancouver where the Premier's doing an education announcement in Surrey and a industrial electrification announcement in Vancouver.  
By 2pm would be great.

Thanks!

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 3:48 PM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** FW: lines on Cube

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 10:30 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** lines on Cube

If MBR is asked for comment

- After the Federal Government cancelled its funding, the BC government provided one-time funding of \$500,000 to the BC Tech Association for the Cube to help in the transition to develop other funding models.
- Our bridge funding support for BCTECH Assc. has allowed the programing at the Hub and Cube to continue while the association searches for additional long term sources of funding.
- B.C.'s virtual-, augmented reality sector remains one of the most vibrant in the world with continued growth that is supported by the industry and our government.
- While this closure is disappointing, we're confident about the future of AR/VR in British Columbia

What we've done:

- Our government will continue to support the Tech Sector as they create good jobs for a strong, sustainable economy.
  - Investing \$110 million in innovative research at B.C.'s leading post-secondary institutions through the BC Knowledge Development Fund since summer 2017;
  - Investing in 2,900 tech seats at B.C. post-secondary institutions, which will create 1,000 new tech-grads a year by 2023;
  - Investing \$12 million in graduate scholarships for students including science and tech-related disciplines, as well as \$500,000 for women in tech scholarships;

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 2:10 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: MLA response - BCTF bargaining

Looks great. We understand your point about the final paragraph, but don't feel strongly one way or the other about its inclusion.

Thanks Robyn

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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 2:05 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: MLA response - BCTF bargaining

Hey you two – any feedback on this before we finalize this?

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**From:** Farrance, Melissa EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 2:02 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Andrews, Scott EDUC:EX <Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: MLA response - BCTF bargaining

Hi Robyn,

Fleshed out the funding changes a bit.

Thanks,  
Melissa

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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 9:22 AM  
**To:** Andrews, Scott EDUC:EX <Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Farrance, Melissa EDUC:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: MLA response - BCTF bargaining

Sorry about that. Let's try again.

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**From:** Andrews, Scott EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 9:16 AM

**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Farrance, Melissa EDUC:EX <[Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: MLA response - BCTF bargaining

Hi Robyn,

Both of these documents were blank on my end. Can you resend?

Thanks!

Scott Andrews  
Ministerial Assistant  
Minister of Education  
P – (778) 974-5976

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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 5:05 PM  
**To:** Farrance, Melissa EDUC:EX <[Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca)>; Andrews, Scott EDUC:EX <[Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Scott.Andrews@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <[Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca)>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Smith, George PREM:EX <[George.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:George.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <[Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca)>; Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX <[Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** MLA response - BCTF bargaining

Hi Scott, Melissa and all,

I'm hoping to finalize the BCTF bargaining response for MLAs by end of day tomorrow. Attached is the draft and an example of the incoming emails. The draft is based on the KMs we've been using, and you can see the PSEC original with Finance edits.

Please send any feedback by 2pm tomorrow.

Thanks,  
Robyn

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:52 AM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media Q: Looking for comment regarding the BC CEO letter to the Finance and Social Development Minister regarding the wage redress issue

Giving us only an hour to respond while at the same time not telling us about her deadline from the outset is unusual, no?

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Media Q: Looking for comment regarding the BC CEO letter to the Finance and Social Development Minister regarding the wage redress issue

She says the story begins to run at noon today – so not a lot of time. I've flagged for SDPR GCPE but no response

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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:38 AM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Media Q: Looking for comment regarding the BC CEO letter to the Finance and Social Development Minister regarding the wage redress issue

Hey Kirsten, do you know Liza's timeline?

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:05 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Media Q: Looking for comment regarding the BC CEO letter to the Finance and Social Development Minister regarding the wage redress issue

Are we putting re-dress fully in SDPR's court?

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**From:** Liza Yuzda <Liza.Yuzda@rci.rogers.com>  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 10:57 AM  
**To:** Anderson, Maryann GCPE:EX <Maryann.Anderson@gov.bc.ca>; Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Looking for comment regarding the BC CEO letter to the Finance and Social Development Minister regarding the wage redress issue

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:44 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Letter  
**Attachments:** Demand letter (01129014xC0FD8).pdf

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**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:43 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Letter

Here you go.

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**From:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 12, 2019 4:24 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Funding Low Wage Redress Increases for All Social Service Workers

FYI

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**From:** Brenda Bodnar <[bbodnar@ropergreyell.com](mailto:bbodnar@ropergreyell.com)>  
**Sent:** April 12, 2019 3:41 PM  
**To:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX <[FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX <[SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:SDPR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>; Minister, MCF MCF:EX <[MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:MCF.Minister@gov.bc.ca)>; [christine.zacharuk@gov.bc.ca](mailto:christine.zacharuk@gov.bc.ca); [brenda@bcceonetwork.ca](mailto:brenda@bcceonetwork.ca); Delayne Sartison <[dsartison@ropergreyell.com](mailto:dsartison@ropergreyell.com)>  
**Subject:** Funding Low Wage Redress Increases for All Social Service Workers

Please find attached our April 12, 2019 correspondence.

Thank you.

BRENDA BODNAR  
604.806.3833



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**Subject:** Issue Scan - Thursday in Metro Vancouver

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:11 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Media Q: Looking for comment regarding the BC CEO letter to the Finance and Social Development Minister regarding the wage redress issue

This is the case, right?

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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:07 AM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Media Q: Looking for comment regarding the BC CEO letter to the Finance and Social Development Minister regarding the wage redress issue

I'll check in with folks and let you know.

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**Sent:** April 17, 2019 11:05 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 17, 2019 10:54 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** If asked about Kenney

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 3:36 PM  
**To:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX  
**Cc:** Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX; Wolfe, Seamus AEST:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request: Interview request - tuition waiver

wonderful

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**From:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 3:31 PM  
**To:** Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX <Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX <Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca>; Wolfe, Seamus AEST:EX <Seamus.Wolfe@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Media Request: Interview request - tuition waiver

### Reporter

Tracy Sherlock, Freelancer  
Vancouver Observer  
[tracy@nationalobserver.com](mailto:tracy@nationalobserver.com)  
604-818-3090

**Deadline** Friday, April 26, 2019 12:00 PM

### Request

Tracy is the former education reporter with the Vancouver Sun who is now a freelance writer.

She would like to interview Minister Mark about the provincial tuition waiver program as part of a journalism collaboration called Spotlight: Child Welfare. She will be writing it for National Observer, but any of the partner organizations may republish it.

More information about the Spotlight: Child Welfare project is here: <https://www.spotlightchildwelfare.com/>

She will send questions in advance as she is currently speaking with VIU and UBC about the program. The general idea of the interview would be to ask overview questions about the program, how it is working, what kind of a difference it makes.

### Background

### Recommendation

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 3:06 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Wednesday in Prince George

Thanks Brad

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 3:05 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Wednesday in Prince George

Sorry to miss the deadline. No issues to flag.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 11:49 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Issue Scan - Wednesday in Prince George

Hey all,  
Another issue scan! This is for tomorrow when the Premier will be in Prince George and Quesnel visiting healthcare related locations.  
Anything of note, please send to me by 2pm today please!  
Muchas gracias,

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 2:17 PM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Wednesday in Prince George

Wonderful! Thank you

James Smith  
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**From:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 2:17 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Wednesday in Prince George

Just sent!

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 2:13 PM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX <[David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Wednesday in Prince George

Hey David, not trying to rush but this is coming soon?  
Cheers,

James Smith  
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**From:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 12:30 PM  
**To:** Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <[Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Beale, William TRAN:EX <[William.Beale@gov.bc.ca](mailto:William.Beale@gov.bc.ca)>; Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX <[James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Issue Scan - Wednesday in Prince George

Right! Will send that IN along as well.

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**From:** Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 12:27 PM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX <[David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Beale, William TRAN:EX <[William.Beale@gov.bc.ca](mailto:William.Beale@gov.bc.ca)>; Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX <[James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Issue Scan - Wednesday in Prince George



West Fraser Rd near Quesnel

On Apr 16, 2019, at 12:22 PM, Crebo, David GCPE:EX <[David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Greyhound bus service, or lack thereof, along the Hwy 97 corridor. I'll flip you our IN before 2pm. Just making sure its completely up to date.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

**Sent:** April 16, 2019 11:51 AM

**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX <[William.Beale@gov.bc.ca](mailto:William.Beale@gov.bc.ca)>; Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX <[James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca)>; Crebo, David GCPE:EX <[David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca)>; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <[Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Issue Scan - Wednesday in Prince George

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Another issue scan! This is for tomorrow when the Premier will be in Prince George and Quesnel visiting healthcare related locations.

Anything of note, please send to me by 2pm today please!

Muchas gracias,

James Smith

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 1:31 PM  
**To:** Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX; Ranjan, Ramesh TAC:EX; Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX  
**Cc:** Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX; Brouwer, Shauna TAC:EX  
**Subject:** RE: KMs\_World Juniors

Hey Sonja,  
We're working on these now. Will have updated KMs with a QA by end of day tomorrow.  
Cheers!

James Smith  
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**From:** Zoeller, Sonja GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** Ranjan, Ramesh TAC:EX <Ramesh.Ranjan@gov.bc.ca>; Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Brouwer, Shauna TAC:EX <Shauna.Brouwer@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** KMs\_World Juniors

Hi there,

Final version attached.

Thanks,

**Sonja Zoeller**  
Communications Director  
Tourism, Arts and Culture  
Cell: 250-812-6844  
Desk: 250-387-1248

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 12:52 PM  
**To:** Cheevers, Michael LBR:EX  
**Subject:** Hey!

Can you give me a ring?

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 12:23 PM  
**To:** Farrance, Melissa EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Hey Melissa!

Sounds good. Thanks

James Smith  
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GCPE  
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**From:** Farrance, Melissa EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 12:19 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Re: Hey Melissa!

Sure. Just at an event. 12:30 work?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 16, 2019, at 12:15 PM, Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hello,  
Could you give me a call back when you have a second?  
Much appreciated.

James Smith  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 10:18 AM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: For MO Review: NR\_S&P credit rating\_15April2019\_DRAFT  
**Attachments:** NR\_SP credit rating\_15April2019\_DRAFT RS\_Edits JS.docx

Had one addition, to include the line about address housing market imbalances.  
Attached

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 10:16 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Molly FIN:EX <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: For MO Review: NR\_S&P credit rating\_15April2019\_DRAFT

Great – with PTB now.  
Do you have an idea of when HQ/Centre wants this out so I can work with CorpCal?

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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 10:07 AM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Molly FIN:EX <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: For MO Review: NR\_S&P credit rating\_15April2019\_DRAFT

Edits for Treasury to review.

Jimmy, do you want to take a quick look as well?

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 16, 2019 9:31 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Molly FIN:EX <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** For MO Review: NR\_S&P credit rating\_15April2019\_DRAFT

Quote could use some bolstering – for your review.  
Note this is concurrently with Prov Treasury for review

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 12:30 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: For MO Review: FIN Media Request: TPB/RD: SVT - death registry

Hey Robyn,  
My suggestion:

Obviously, if someone is deceased they will not have to pay the speculation or vacancy tax. Sometimes a deceased family member's name remains on the title of a property after the time of their death. All names that were on title as of December 31, 2018 were sent a declaration letter. To ensure a name is removed, a family member must simply provide the full name, date of birth and date of death through the declaration process. This can be done online or by phoning the call centre.

James Smith  
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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 12:15 PM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX <Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca>; Peters, Melissa GCPE:EX <Melissa.Peters@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: For MO Review: FIN Media Request: TPB/RD: SVT - death registry

The needs to less technical and more message, similar to the QP note. I'll be able to help revise in ~30min.

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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 12:08 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>; Peters, Melissa GCPE:EX <[Melissa.Peters@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Melissa.Peters@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** For MO Review: FIN Media Request: TPB/RD: SVT - death registry

Happy to call reporter and provide info on background.  
Essentially we don't have an accurate #, and the process for identifying people who have passed away requires much more personal information than what is needed to declare. Otherwise how can we determine one J. Smith from another.

**Reporter**  
Rob Shaw, Reporter  
PRESS GALLERY  
[rshaw@postmedia.com](mailto:rshaw@postmedia.com)  
250-953-5932 c: 250-893-0841

## **Deadline ASAP**

### **Request**

I got an email last week from a person in Kelowna whose deceased father received a speculation tax notice based on the first round of speculation tax exemptions, can the ministry say how many notices it sent to deceased people that were later exempted once someone pointed out they were dead?

The person who emailed me wondered why the death registry wasn't being used by government to filter out notices.

### **Recommendation: provide on background**

- If a person was on title as of December 31, 2018, they were included in BC Assessment's data used to generate the 1.6 million declaration letters.

If asked how the ministry confirms deceased persons:

- In order to confirm that a person is deceased, the person contacting the ministry (generally a spouse or other family member) must provide the deceased person's full name and address, their date of birth and their date of death to ensure that the correct person (for example, John Smith) is deceased. This information is then used to check against Health's database.

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 11:55 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Here are the lines we're sending to AG

Now hearing that AG will refer Zussman request to Finance.

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 11:52 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Here are the lines we're sending to AG

Thanks! I'm going to brief her for the Fairchild interview at noon, which is on the speculation and vacancy tax with a couple questions on AML. There will be no new information in the interview – they just want her on the reminder letters and topics previously covered with the press gallery.  
You are welcome to join if you have time.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 11:48 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Here are the lines we're sending to AG

- We've known for some time that there are serious concerns around money laundering in real estate.
- Dr. German flagged those concerns, and that's why we tasked him and Maureen Maloney to look money laundering in the sector.
- I'm glad to hear that we're going to have willing partners from industry to take action on German and Maloney's recommendations. But there's going to be a lot of work to do.
- Our government has already taken action. The Minister of Finance has introduced world leading legislation to uncover the real owners of complex property corporations, enabling authorities to crack down on tax evasion and money laundering in real estate.

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 11:41 AM  
**To:** Sarah Marriott  
**Subject:** Line on LOTA

- Minister of Finance has introduced world leading legislation to uncover who are the real owners of complex property corporations, which will enable authorities to crack down on tax evasion and money laundering in the real estate sector.

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 11:36 AM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: LOTA KMs

Much appreciated

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
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**From:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 11:36 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: LOTA KMs

Sure thing, Jimmy!

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 11:32 AM  
**To:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** LOTA KMs

Hey Kirsten,  
Can you send me KMs or an IN on LOTA?  
Thanks!

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 11:35 AM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Beale, William TRAN:EX; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** Issue scan - Tuesday in Coquitlam

Hey MOTI Team!

Wondering if you have anything for the Premier's event tomorrow in Coquitlam. The event is on the tuition-waver program for former youth in care (AEST).

Let me know by 2:00pm please.

Thanks!

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 11:33 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Thomson, Krystal  
**Subject:** Issue scan - Tuesday in Coquitlam

Hey JTT Team!

Wondering if you have anything for the Premier's event tomorrow in Coquitlam. The event is on the tuition-waver program (AEST) for former youth in care.

Thanks!

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Liam Lawson - (Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca); Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca  
**Subject:** Issue scan - Tuesday in Coquitlam

Hey Team Finance,  
Wondering if you have anything for the Premier's event tomorrow in Coquitlam. The event is on the tuition-waver program for former youth in care.  
We're already covered for gas prices and Alberta election but anything else, please let me know.  
Thanks!

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 10:44 AM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** QC to pass on costs of deregulation

Link to story: [https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/taxi-quebec-raise-fees-90-cents-1.5098326?fbclid=IwAR2NeROtPhDuZHjTQQIT6uz3WpTk\\_PK590MjVWIOl943MkioUhlIv2me6RU](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/montreal/taxi-quebec-raise-fees-90-cents-1.5098326?fbclid=IwAR2NeROtPhDuZHjTQQIT6uz3WpTk_PK590MjVWIOl943MkioUhlIv2me6RU)

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 15, 2019 9:03 AM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Accepted: Meeting: BCTF Bargaining

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 12, 2019 12:27 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Issue Scan

Yep. Thanks Brad. Have a great weekend

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 12, 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Urgent Issue Scan

Nothing other than the caribou protection plan – which I assume you have covered from FLNRO

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 12, 2019 12:10 PM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Urgent Issue Scan

Hey guys,  
Premier will now be in Dawson Creek on Monday so we're doing an urgent scan.  
Any JTT issues in and around the region, please let me know as soon as you can.

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892



## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 12, 2019 12:07 PM  
**To:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX  
**Subject:** Issue scan for Monday

Hey Rodney,  
The Premier is now going to Dawson Creek on Monday.  
Can you let me know if there's any issues that could arise on your files? As soon as possible.  
Cheers!

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 11, 2019 12:41 PM  
**To:** Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: Lines

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Henry, Molly FIN:EX" <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 11, 2019 at 12:18:22 PM PDT  
**To:** "Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX" <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Lines

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**From:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:13 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>; Henry, Molly FIN:EX <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Youngs, Kirsten R GCPE:EX <[Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kirsten.Youngs@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Lines

As discussed :

- I'm pleased to see the real estate industry engaged on the issue - cracking down on money laundering and getting dirty money out of is a priority for our government since day one
- as you know, we are in the process of considering two significant reports on money laundering, its impacts in our province, and steps we can take to better protect our province
- I thank the real estate industry for coming together and put forward these recommendations
- we'll consider the industry's recommendations as we consider next steps in response to the two reports underway / under consideration

**Katie Robb**

Communications Director | Ministry of Finance  
Government Communications & Public Engagement  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 11, 2019 9:40 AM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX  
**Subject:** RE: lines of support for the BC Tech Association - and the sector in general  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.11 QP SDPR -Tech Cube - DRAFT.docx

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 11, 2019 9:30 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** lines of support for the BC Tech Association - and the sector in general

- I would like to thank the BC Tech Association for their contributions to our growing tech industry.
- As noted in the report, B.C.'s fast-growing tech sector is a leading economic driver of growth, providing good jobs for more than 114,000 people across the province and helping grow all sectors of our economy.
- We recognize that talent and scaling business are important elements of driving the tech sector and the economy further.
- That's why we're doing everything we can to encourage the growth of B.C. tech and the digital economy.
- Some of the actions we are taking include:
  - Investing \$110 million in innovative research at B.C.'s leading post-secondary institutions through the BC Knowledge Development Fund since summer 2017;
  - Investing in 2,900 tech seats at B.C. post-secondary institutions, which will create 1,000 new tech-grads a year by 2023;
  - Investing \$12 million in graduate scholarships for students including science and tech-related disciplines, as well as \$500,000 for women in tech scholarships;

- More than \$12 million for a new hub for nuclear medicine at Canada's national particle accelerator at the University of B.C. – TRIUMF.
- We continue to provide support to help tech companies scale through the \$100-million BC Tech Fund, which benefits B.C. companies through early stage capital, and ensures they can remain in B.C., grow their business, and create jobs.
- To date, the BC Tech Fund has committed nearly \$60 million to seven B.C.-based funds and four direct investments into B.C.-based companies, two of which, Foodee and Mojio, were profiled on Deloitte's Fast 50.
- We support small tech companies grow through the Small Business Venture Capital Tax Credit program to stimulate early-stage investments in B.C. companies. In 2017, the program helped to leverage more than \$116 million in investment for over 250 B.C. companies across the Province.
- Our government also supports businesses investment in research and development through the Scientific Research and Experimental Development tax credit program, which provides approximately \$150 million annually.
- Through Innovate BC, we are helping advance tech commercialization by providing B.C. tech entrepreneurs the business development support they need at all stages of company growth – whether startups or long-established firms.
- The Province's Innovative Clean Energy Fund has also entered into a \$40-million partnership with the federal government to spur development of pre-commercial clean energy projects and technologies until 2020.
- We are also funding nine annual Women in Technology scholarships, and one Indigenous Women in Technology scholarship through \$500,000 through the Irving K. Barber British Columbia Scholarship Society.
- Providing \$12-million towards 10 public post-secondary institutions through the B.C. Graduate Scholarship program to support graduate students with a focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Extending and enhancing the BC Provincial Nominee tech pilot to meet the needs of tech employers.

- Our government is working to encourage more large, anchor companies to stay in B.C., such as STEMCELL Technologies, Canada's largest biotech company.
- B.C.'s innovation commissioner – Dr. Alan Winter – is also helping promote B.C.'s technology sector beyond our borders as an excellent place to establish business operations and invest.
- We have also increased our U.S. trade and investment representative funding to:
  - Identify U.S. and international tech companies for expansion into B.C. or partnerships with B.C. companies.
  - Provide proactive in-market services to promote B.C. opportunities and increase supply chain access for B.C. tech companies.
  - Support mid-size tech companies to relocate or expand into B.C. and deepen our talent pool.
- B.C. is home to diverse range of successful anchor companies across the tech economy in different subsectors.
- Examples include Microsoft, SAP, Hootsuite, Fortinet, Electronic Arts Inc., STEMCELL Technologies, Ballard Power, Telus, and Sony Pictures Imageworks, among others.

### **If asked about the PNP Tech Pilot:**

- We are glad to hear that the Tech Sector has found the Provincial Nominee Tech Pilot to be beneficial.
- In June 2018 we extended and enhanced the Pilot for an additional year.
- Options for the Pilot past June 2019 are still under consideration and we appreciate the BC Tech Association's input.

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX

**Sent:** April 11, 2019 9:11 AM

**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

**Subject:** BIV article on 'the cube'

I can print a copy for the minister.

## **Explosive B.C. growth spawns VR support hubs, post-secondary programs**

NOVEMBER 15, 2018

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 11, 2019 9:01 AM

**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX; Szabo, Maria JTT:EX; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

**Subject:** BC Tech Association funding note

This is the note we are starting with for QP prep



## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 11, 2019 8:36 AM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Liam Lawson - (Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca); Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca  
**Subject:** MLA Salaries  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.11 - QP FINANCE -MLA Salaries - FINAL.docx

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Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 11, 2019 8:35 AM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX; Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX; Sarah Marriott  
**Subject:** MLA Salaries - QP Note  
**Attachments:** 2019.02.05 - QP FINANCE -MLA Salaries - FINAL.docx

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 10, 2019 10:46 AM  
**To:** Chang, Stephanie JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Updated Economy and Jobs QP Notes (3)  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.10 - QP FINANCE - Job Creation - FINAL.docx; 2019.04.10 - QP FINANCE - Jobs and Economy - FINAL.docx; 2019.04.10 - QP FINANCE - Economy Stats - FINAL.docx

Hey Stephanie,  
3 updates QP notes with LFS numbers from March.  
Attached.

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 10, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Thomson, Krystal  
**Subject:** Thursday Scan

Hello,  
Checking in for a scan ahead of PJH's weekly scrum tomorrow.  
Please flag any issues by 1:30pm today please!  
Cheers!

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 10, 2019 10:06 AM  
**To:** Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Cc:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Updated Economy and Jobs QP Notes (3)  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.10 - QP FINANCE - Job Creation - FINAL.docx; 2019.04.10 - QP FINANCE - Jobs and Economy - FINAL.docx; 2019.04.10 - QP FINANCE - Economy Stats - FINAL.docx

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 10, 2019 9:08 AM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Upside of building permits

Hey Brad,  
Can you pass on your take on the commercial upshot of Greater Vancouver's building permits, we discussed yesterday?  
Thanks!

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 10, 2019 8:45 AM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX; Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX; Ranjan, Ramesh TAC:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Wood KMs

Hello!  
I'm suggesting adding in a bullet on job creation. Highlighted below.  
Cheers!

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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**From:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 10, 2019 8:15 AM  
**To:** Newhook, Kelly TAC:EX <Kelly.Newhook@gov.bc.ca>; Ranjan, Ramesh TAC:EX <Ramesh.Ranjan@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Wood KMs

Thoughts on these?

### KEY MESSAGES:

We will be using mass timber construction for the new Royal BC Museum project.

Hundreds of thousands of people visit the museum each year to explore BC history, and learn about our province.

Building the new museum from BC wood honours the past, while showcasing our bright future in engineered wood design and providing opportunities for British Columbians.

BC is ready to work with local governments and First Nations to build engineered wood buildings that are:

- fire resistant,
- faster to build
- will create value-added jobs here in BC
- and help us meet our CleanBC targets

If asked about protecting the museum archives:

The archives are filled with rich history and cultural artifacts. Any redevelopment would ensure that this valuable resource is protected.

**Aileen Machell**  
Issues Manager  
778.584.0257





## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2019 8:35 PM  
**To:** Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: MA pitch for tech diversity  
**Attachments:** MA\_Pitch\_Tech\_Diversity\_SLMP\_April3\_11am.docx; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX" <[Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 9, 2019 at 8:27:04 PM PDT  
**To:** "Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX" <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: MA pitch for tech diversity

Here's what I pitched.

Michael

**Michael Snoddon**  
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon. Melanie Mark  
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills & Training  
250.818.1035 | [michael.snoddon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:michael.snoddon@gov.bc.ca)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX" <[Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** April 4, 2019 at 1:47:03 PM PDT  
**To:** "Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX" <[Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** MA pitch for tech diversity

Respectfully

**Rodney Porter, Communications Director**  
B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training  
Mobile: **250 889-7494**  
Email: [rodney.porter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:rodney.porter@gov.bc.ca)

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2019 1:10 PM  
**To:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** pay equity  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.09 QP FINANCE - Pay Equity - FINAL.docx

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2019 10:57 AM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Jobs and Economy note

Will get back to you after QP

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2019, at 10:10 AM, Henry, Molly FIN:EX <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Minister is wondering about the stats on p.2 which are from Feb. Just confirming those are the most up to date we have?

**Molly Henry**

Ministerial Assistant  
Office of the Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier  
250-896-5731  
*Pronouns: she/her*

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:54 AM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Jobs and Economy note

Apologies we didn't send this along. The handoff will be complete in the next few days and shouldn't be a problem going forward.

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2019 9:57 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: gender lines

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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**From:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2019 9:56 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** gender lines

### Finance/Gender Equity

**MINISTER:** Parliamentary Secretary Mitzi Dean

**KEY MINISTRY MESSAGES:**

- Our government is delivering on our commitment to make life better for people in our province and put their needs first.
- For years, people in BC struggled to get ahead, and that is especially true for women and minority groups.
- As a government, it's our responsibility to make sure all British Columbians have the opportunity to reach their full potential, and that is what gender equity is about. This work is about removing barriers and making sure no one is left behind.
- Our government is actively addressing inequalities for women, men and gender diverse people. Especially people who face more than one barrier because of overlapping oppressions such as racism, ableism, or poverty.
- Gender equity is deeply connected to reconciliation, and our government's work to implement UNDRIP and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action."
- We're delivering on our commitment to put people first with historic investments in child care, skills training, housing and human rights that are making a significant difference in the lives of women, men and gender diverse people.
- All British Columbians deserve to live free of violence and abuse, and our government is making investments to ensure people leaving violence have a safe place to go and the programs they need for support.
- Our implementation of GBA+ across all government ministries is an important step to ensuring that government programs and policies are fairer for everyone.
- Gender inequality, gender-based violence and discrimination won't be fixed overnight, but we are taking steps that are making a difference.

### TOP MINISTRY ACTIONS

- **Budget 2018** – Budget 2018 marked a change in approach for British Columbia that put people first by taking enormous steps to make life more affordable, improve the services that people rely on, and build a strong, sustainable economy. This included investment in child care, skills training,  
Source: <https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2018/default.htm>
- **Actions to advance economic and political empowerment**
  - Our historic \$1B investment in child care is ensuring that parents can finally find the safe, affordable, quality care that they need. This allows more women to participate in the workforce, fosters economic independence and security and supports a healthy, growing economy.
  - We've enhanced wages, training and development opportunities for the child care workforce, the majority of whom are women.
  - We have expanded women's access to education and training in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) through programs and funding.
  - We are making a difference in the lives of the thousands of women across the province who make up the majority of minimum wage earners by raising the minimum wage to \$15 by 2021.
  - We've created new opportunities for women, youth and Indigenous peoples through the Community Benefits Agreement which enhances their access to employment, training and apprenticeship opportunities on major infrastructure projects.

Tim Howlett  
 Director of Issues Management  
 250.208.4828

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2019 9:54 AM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Jobs and Economy note  
**Attachments:** 2019.03.28 - QP FINANCE - Jobs and Economy - FINAL.docx

Apologies we didn't send this along. The handoff will be complete in the next few days and shouldn't be a problem going forward.

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2019 8:38 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** housing starts  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.09 QP MAH- Housing Starts - FINAL - MSR.docx; IN\_Housing\_Starts\_March\_8April19\_FINAL.doc

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**Sent:** April 9, 2019 8:38 AM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Updated Housing Starts QP Note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.09 QP MAH- Housing Starts - FINAL - MSR.docx

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 9, 2019 6:32 AM  
**To:** Sarah Marriott  
**Subject:** Campbell River

### **Campbell River doctors protest as clinical pathology services outsourced to private company in Victoria**

Campbell River Mirror

Monday, April 08, 2019

By Staff-1

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** Chang, Stephanie JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Can you call me please

It's fairly urgent

James Smith  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 11:54 AM  
**To:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: feb 26 note - housing starts  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.03 QP MAH- Housing Starts - FINAL - MSR.docx

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX <Katie.Robb@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** feb 26 note - housing starts

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**Sent:** April 8, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** feb 26 note - housing starts  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.03 - QP FINANCE - Housing Market - FINAL.docx

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 11:30 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX  
**Subject:** updated Gas prices  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.08 QP Environment - Gas prices - FINAL.docx

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 10:50 AM  
**To:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATED - West Shore KMs and QAs

Great. Thanks Rodney

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
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**From:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX <Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: UPDATED - West Shore KMs and QAs

Hi James;

I've tried to incorporate your edits where reasonable. However, this is a business case, not approval so it's important not to get too far ahead of ourselves.

Final IB attached and updated statement.

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 8:14 AM  
**To:** Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX <[Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca)>; Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX <[Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**From:** Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX  
**Sent:** April 8, 2019 7:44 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: UPDATED - West Shore KMs and QAs

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**From:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 7, 2019 1:10 PM  
**To:** Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX <[Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Wolfe, Seamus AEST:EX <[Seamus.Wolfe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Seamus.Wolfe@gov.bc.ca)>; Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX <[Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Cc:** Wolfe, Seamus AEST:EX <[Seamus.Wolfe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Seamus.Wolfe@gov.bc.ca)>; Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX <[Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 6, 2019 3:39 PM  
**To:** Harder, Derrick AG:EX; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX; Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** NR\_GermanReport2\_FirstChapter\_FINAL IM-Edits.docx  
**Attachments:** NR\_GermanReport2\_FirstChapter\_FINAL IM-Edits.docx; ATT00001.txt

Edits attached

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 9:21 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX; Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: With change - FW: DRAFT: Minister's statement on results of the Labour Force Survey in March

Approved.

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
250.882.2892

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

**From:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 9:18 AM  
**To:** Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca>; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX <Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: With change - FW: DRAFT: Minister's statement on results of the Labour Force Survey in March

G2G from GCPE - will defer final approval to Sarena/Jimmy.

Thanks!

Courtney

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

**From:** Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 9:15 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX <Brad.Spencer@gov.bc.ca>; McKill, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.McKill@gov.bc.ca>; Stagg, Linda R GCPE:EX <Linda.Stagg@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** With change - FW: DRAFT: Minister's statement on results of the Labour Force Survey in March

With change in lede and back for approval.

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

**From:** Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 9:13 AM  
**To:** Kerr, Grant GCPE:EX <Grant.Kerr@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** DRAFT: Minister's statement on results of the Labour Force Survey in March

Please refer to the files attached to this email. The following is the summary of the News Release

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Planned Release Date: April 5, 2019 at 10:00 am

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April 5, 2019

Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

## STATEMENT

Minister's statement on results of the Labour Force Survey in March

VICTORIA - Bruce Ralston, Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology, has issued the following statement on the release of the federal Labour Force Survey for March 2019:

"British Columbia's economy continues to lead the country in growth and opportunity with the biggest job gains in the country, showing we can have strong economic performance while investing in people.

"In March, people's wages continued to increase and unemployment in B.C. was the lowest in Canada for the 20th month in a row, at 4.7%. In the past year, B.C. added 79,400 more jobs, the vast majority in the private sector, which means more opportunities for British Columbians.

"We're committed to seeing British Columbians thrive. In our balanced budget earlier this year, we invested \$20 billion over three years for infrastructure, which will produce and support tens of thousands of jobs.

"Last month, I travelled with Minister of State for Trade George Chow to Japan and Korea to build trade relationships and attract new investors to the province. Our work on the trade mission will help to create better jobs for families and more opportunities for people across B.C.

"Through our budget, trade relationships and the choices that we're making every day, our government is committed to strengthening our economy and making it work for all British Columbians."

Contact:

Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 9:10 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** draft tweets

### Thread:

1. BC's economy continues to lead Canada, even while we're seeing some softening in other parts of the country. We're building a strong economy that works for all British Columbians.
2. Last month we added 7,900 jobs last month, the most of any province. B.C. also has the lowest unemployment in Canada for the 20<sup>th</sup> straight month.
3. In the past year, B.C. added 79,400 new jobs, the vast majority in the private sector. Meanwhile wages are up this month and we're seeing encouraging numbers in our financial, real estate and construction sectors.

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Issues Manager  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 8:17 AM  
**To:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** LFS  
**Attachments:** LFS\_AdviceForMinister\_March 2019.pdf; KM LFS March - April 5 2019 \_ as of 751am.docx

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Issues Manager  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 8:04 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Update KMs for next interview  
**Attachments:** KM LFS March - April 5 2019 \_ 751am.docx

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**To:** Szabo, Maria JTT:EX <Maria.Szabo@gov.bc.ca>; McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Sarah Marriott <sarah.marriott@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Update KMs for next interview

Hey Maria,  
Here's updated KM/QA for the next interview.  
Includes construction jobs in response to the housing question.

James Smith  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**Cc:** Sarah Marriott  
**Subject:** Update KMs for next interview  
**Attachments:** KM LFS March - April 5 2019 \_ 751am.docx

Hey Maria,  
Here's updated KM/QA for the next interview.  
Includes construction jobs in response to the housing question.

James Smith  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 7:37 AM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: LFS Hihglights Notes

Yes, that's a good summary.

Only addition would be: of all the provinces, BC created the greatest number of jobs last month.

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 7:33 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: LFS Hihglights Notes

So to summarize the summary

- Jobs numbers are up
- Private sector jobs are up
- Unemployment up slightly
- Wages up slightly
- Within the context of tepid national GDP growth

The take away seems to be BC remains strong while the economy is moderating across the country.

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**From:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 6:52 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** FW: LFS Hihglights Notes

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**From:** Pope, Naomi AEST:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 6:48 AM  
**To:** Stewart, Courtney GCPE:EX <Courtney.Stewart@gov.bc.ca>; Nienaber, Janice GCPE:EX <Janice.Nienaber@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** LFS Hihglights Notes

Hi Courtney and Janice,

Here are the Highlights for March 2019:

- In March, employment increased by +7,900 in British Columbia to 2.55 million.
- There was an increase of 4,800 in part-time employment and an increase of 3,000 in full-time employment.
- Year-over-year to March 2019, there are 79,400 (+3.2%) more people employed in British Columbia.
- In March, the unemployment rate rose slightly to 4.7% (+0.2 pct pts). British Columbia continues to have the lowest unemployment rate in Canada for the 20<sup>th</sup> month in a row.
  - Saskatchewan came in second at 4.9% and Manitoba in third at 5%.
- Youth (age 15-24) employment decreased by 1,500 in March and the youth unemployment rate increased to 10% (+1.2pct pts).
  - Quebec has the lowest youth unemployment in Canada at 7.9%.
- Average hourly wages are up \$0.06 from \$27.01 in February to \$27.07 in March, an increase of 0.2% from the previous month.
- Year over year wages are up \$0.12, an increase of 0.4%. BC ranked 9th in year over year growth amongst the provinces, with Newfoundland and Labrador leading at 5.0%.

Canada:

- Employment in Canada remained statistically unchanged (-7,200) with Saskatchewan (+3,900), New Brunswick (+3,100) and Prince Edward Island (+2,000) showing gains in addition to British Columbia.
- The unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.8% in March. The unemployment rate is 6% or lower for the 17th month in a row in Canada.

**Naomi Pope, PhD**

Director, Labour Market Information & Immigration Analysis  
Workforce Innovation and Division Responsible for Skills Training  
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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 7:29 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Updated KMs  
**Attachments:** KM LFS March - April 5 2019\_DRAFT 4 \_ 728am.docx

Added line on most jobs in the country

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 5, 2019 7:27 AM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Updated KMs

Attached for approval

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**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Updated KMs  
**Attachments:** KM LFS March - April 5 2019\_DRAFT 4 \_ 725am.docx

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 4, 2019 2:27 PM  
**To:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: DBRS credit rating IB  
**Attachments:** IB\_DBRS credit rating\_2April2019\_FINAL\_JS.docx

Can we make a minor tweak for clarity?

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**From:** Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Sent:** April 4, 2019 2:19 PM  
**To:** Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX <Leila.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: DBRS credit rating IB

FYI – the attached release is going out at ~8am

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**From:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 4, 2019 1:28 PM  
**To:** Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <[Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca)>; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX <[Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Robyn.Spilker@gov.bc.ca)>; Henry, Molly FIN:EX <[Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Molly.Henry@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: DBRS credit rating IB

Over to you for final signoff.

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 4, 2019 11:57 AM  
**To:** MINCAL, TRAN TRAN:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: QP Prep

Hey guys,  
Is there anyway we can leave the prep at 9?  
I have prep with Finance at 9:30.

James Smith  
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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** MINCAL, TRAN TRAN:EX  
**Sent:** April 4, 2019 11:53 AM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX; Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** QP Prep  
**When:** April 9, 2019 9:15 AM-9:45 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:** 306

Shifting this instance down to account for some scheduling constraints:

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Hi All,

As of April 1<sup>st</sup> we will be extending QP Prep times to 30 minutes on days where the schedule allows.

Monday/Wednesday invite will be coming shortly.

Thanks,

Leah



## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 4, 2019 10:48 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Re: TFW notes

I already had something run in

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2019, at 10:24 AM, McNish, James JTT:EX <[James.McNish@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.McNish@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Can I send this in to MBR to use?

s.13

James McNish  
Senior Ministerial Assistant to the Honourable Bruce Ralston  
Minister of Jobs, Trade, and Technology  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 4, 2019 8:42 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Issue Scan!!!

We have another issues scan today. Can you send me any items that are worth flagging by 1pm?

For context, this is for his visit to the Council of Forest Industries convention in Vancouver tomorrow. Anything related to Vancouver or the forestry sector please make a note of.

THANKS!

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 4, 2019 8:37 AM  
**To:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Issue scan today

Good morning all,

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Thanks!

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 4, 2019 8:24 AM  
**To:** Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX; Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Issue scan today

Good morning Michael and Rodney,  
We have another issues scan today. Can you flag with me any items that are worth flagging by 1pm? Heads up, he's at the Council of Forest Industries in Vancouver tomorrow for context.  
Thanks!

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 5:57 PM  
**To:** Szabo, Maria JTT:EX; Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT March LFS STMT  
**Attachments:** STMT MBR March LFS 03Apr - Draft 1120am Edits\_JS.docx

Thanks for your patience.  
Here are our edits, approved by Tim.  
Cheers!

James Smith  
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**From:** Szabo, Maria JTT:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 5:43 PM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <[Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca)>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <[Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT March LFS STMT

Hey again!

I know your hands have been full today - just following up in hopes I can get this to MBR for approval first thing tomorrow morning and send to the translators ASAP after that.

Thanks!

Maria

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**From:** Szabo, Maria JTT:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 11:24 AM  
**To:** Talbot, Sarena GCPE:EX <[Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sarena.Talbot@gov.bc.ca)>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <[Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** DRAFT March LFS STMT

Hi all,

I'm attaching the first draft for Minister's statement on LFS this month. Would love to try and get an early approval from MBR before end of day so I can get it to the translators for tonight and tomorrow.

If you have other thoughts or ideas, please pass them on via tracked changes.

Thanks!

Maria

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 1:41 PM  
**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Issue Scan

Hello folks,

I know you're busy with prep for estimates, but wanted to check if you have anything pressing for today's issue scan.

Cheers!

James Smith  
Issues Manager  
GCPE  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 1:22 PM  
**To:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Special exemptions

British Columbians can get all the information they need on qualifying for exemptions through the call centre which is still up and running 7 days a week, 12 hrs a day

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**From:** Smith, George PREM:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 1:19 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Special exemptions

How do you apply for the hardship exemption?

On Apr 3, 2019, at 1:16 PM, Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

- Our government knows some people are facing unique circumstances.
- For British Columbians who are fortunate enough to own a second home that they choose to leave vacant, there is a credit available on the first \$400,000 of a home's value.
- There are also exemptions available for:
  - Primary residences
  - People with tenants
  - People going through hardships
  - People receiving medical treatment
  - Persons with disabilities
  - People going through divorce or separation
  - People who commute long distances for work
  - People on sabbatical or away temporarily for work
  - Homes undergoing upgrades and renovations

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**To:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX; McNish, James JTT:EX; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: TFW LNG Messaging  
**Attachments:** TFWs and LNG\_JS.docx

My edits attached

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**From:** Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 10:58 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX <Krystal.Thomson@gov.bc.ca>; McNish, James JTT:EX <James.McNish@gov.bc.ca>; Cascaden, Lori R GCPE:EX <Lori.Cascaden@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** TFW LNG Messaging

Hi Jimmy

There were a few minor updates to this note on temporary foreign workers and LNG Canada.

Brad



## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 11:27 AM  
**To:** Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** LNG Jobs note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.03 - QP FINANCE - LNG Jobs - FINAL.docx

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**Sent:** April 3, 2019 11:25 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX  
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**Attachments:** 2019.04.03 - QP FINANCE - LNG Jobs - FINAL.docx

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 8:18 AM  
**To:** Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX  
**Subject:** RE: JWR

Read them this morning.<sup>s.22</sup>

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**From:** Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX  
**Sent:** April 3, 2019 7:53 AM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** JWR

Hi James,

Can I get your input on these ASAP?

s.13

**Michael Snoddon**  
Ministerial Assistant to the Honourable Melanie Mark  
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 2, 2019 2:58 PM  
**To:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** edits  
**Attachments:** IB\_SVT\_Post\_Declare\_April 2 v2 FINAL JS.docx

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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 4:05 PM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Scan From MPS4199  
**Attachments:** Scan\_20190401.pdf

Side B

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**From:** JISMITH <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 4:03 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Scan From MPS4199

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 4:05 PM  
**To:** Beale, William TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Scan From MPS4199  
**Attachments:** Scan\_20190401.pdf

Side A

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**From:** JISMITH <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 4:03 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Scan From MPS4199

## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 2:58 PM  
**To:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX; Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX  
**Cc:** Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: AEST Media Request: Interview request - DTES poverty

Hey Rodney, I'm still picking up on the various processes myself. I'm told the process for requests like these is for Minister's Comms to check in directly with Ed May at Caucus. Let me know if there's any issues with that. Thanks!

James Smith  
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**From:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 2:01 PM  
**To:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX <Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX <Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: AEST Media Request: Interview request - DTES poverty

James; Can you please check with Caucus? I don't know the process.

Michael; Before I ask SDPR to develop KMs or background, is this going to be confirmed?

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 1:56 PM  
**To:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX <[Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Rodney.Porter@gov.bc.ca)>; Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX <[Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX <[Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: AEST Media Request: Interview request - DTES poverty

Hey,  
Can we check in with SDPR as well as caucus? Minister Mark can surely speak to this as long as caucus and SDPR are happy.  
Cheers,

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**From:** Porter, Rodney GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 1:38 PM  
**To:** Snoddon, Michael AEST:EX <[Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Michael.Snoddon@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <[Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca)>; Fernandes, Jennifer GCPE:EX <[Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jennifer.Fernandes@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** AEST Media Request: Interview request - DTES poverty

Request for the minister in her capacity as MLA.

Is this something better suited for caucus?

(Apologies but I cannot recall the process, James, can you assist?)

#### **Reporter**

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Georgia Straight  
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604-730-7001

#### **Deadline** ASAP

#### **Request**

I'm writing to request a brief telephone interview with Ms. Melanie Mark about the claim that Vancouver's Downtown Eastside is "Canada's poorest postal code".

It's a claim that I'm sure she's heard for decades. I wanted to know if it is still true (or if it ever was true).

The short answer is, no, the Downtown Eastside is not "Canada's poorest postal code". But it is among the poorest.

There are many ways to measure how "poor" an area is. A couple of them are in the document attached, which was supplied by Statistics Canada.

It analyzes the area of Vancouver that carries the postal code "V6A," which includes the Downtown Eastside.

1) Measured by "individual after-tax median income," it shows that among urban areas with more than 3,000 residents, the DTES ranks fourth. (However, StatsCan says we should probably toss out the area that includes UBC residences, which would make the DTES actually rank as third-poorest in the country.)

2) Measured by "% of Persons in low income," it shows that among urban areas with more than 3,000 residents, the DTES ranks fifth. (Or third, again, when we exclude areas that include university housing.)

So the DTES is not the poorest postal code in Canada, but it is among the poorest.

I'm hoping to get Ms. Mark on the phone for just five minutes today for an interview about this.

Otherwise, he is available for a call is Thursday morning (April 4).

#### **Background**

#### **Recommendation**



## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 10:52 AM  
**To:** McNish, James JTT:EX; Thomson, Krystal JTT:EX; Spencer, Brad GCPE:EX; Chang, Stephanie JTT:EX  
**Subject:** Spec tax updated QP Note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.01 - QP FINANCE - Speculation Tax - FINAL.docx

Hey all,  
Updated QP note on Speculation Tax is attached.  
Cheers,

James Smith  
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## Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** April 1, 2019 10:43 AM  
**To:** Robb, Katie GCPE:EX; Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Henry, Molly FIN:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Draft update to Spec tax QP Note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.01 - QP FINANCE - Speculation Tax - FINAL.docx

Final approved attached.

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**Subject:** FW: Draft update to Spec tax QP Note

A few small suggestions from me in 'solutions'

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**From:** Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, April 1, 2019 10:11 AM  
**To:** Henry, Molly FIN:EX; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Spilker, Robyn FIN:EX; Robb, Katie GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Draft update to Spec tax QP Note

Hello all,  
Attached is updated QP note with highlighted changes. Tim hasn't approved yet, wanted to get your input first but he'll need to do so shortly so it's ready for the Premier's prep.  
Please send any changes back ASAP.  
Much appreciated.

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**Cc:** Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Draft update to Spec tax QP Note  
**Attachments:** 2019.04.01 - QP FINANCE - Speculation Tax - DRAFT.docx

Hello all,

Attached is updated QP note with highlighted changes. Tim hasn't approved yet, wanted to get your input first but he'll need to do so shortly so it's ready for the Premier's prep.

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Much appreciated.

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