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**From:** Wolansky, Allegra PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 3:07 PM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Bain, Don PREM:EX; Farmer, Susan PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Correspondence Report - March 11th - March 18th

Good Afternoon,

s.22, I am taking care of the correspondence report. If you have any questions or need examples of correspondence for any of these issues, please let me know.

Thanks!

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### March 11<sup>th</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup>

Topic:	Support of PGOV position	Want PGOV to	Total received
DST – Time Change	13	50	63
Speculation Tax	1	15	16
National Park Proposal in South Okanagan	6	16	22
Wildlife-Killing Contests	0	26	26
Total Weekly Mail			Approx. 345 (excl. topics logged in batches)

**National Park** – There is a proposal to create a National Park Reserve in the South Okanagan-Similkameen. Most writers are against a National Park due to concerns about increased regulation and restrictions to use of the area. Specifically, restrictions to hunting, cattle grazing by farmers, and general use by local residents. Some are advocating for the creation of a provincial park instead of a national park, while others want it left how it currently is. Those who support the creation of a National Park note the environmental protection benefits of doing so.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5063960/public-consultation-period-proposed-national-park-south-okanagan/>

<https://www.pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/cnnp-cnnp/okanagan>

**Wildlife Killing Contests** - There was a Global News story on 3 Interior hunting groups promoting wildlife-killing contests, including a “wolf-whacking” contest. Writers are against this practice and want the provincial government to ban these contests.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/5041645/bc-interior-wildlife-killing-contests/>

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**From:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 3:29 PM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Bain, Don PREM:EX; Farmer, Susan PREM:EX; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX; Kingston, Charlotte PREM:EX; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Oreck, Mira PREM:EX; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX; Viaud, Chantille PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Correspondence Report - February 19th to February 25th

### February 19<sup>th</sup> to February 25<sup>th</sup>

Topic:	Support of PGOV position	Want PGOV to	Total received
2019 Budget	0	16	16
DST – Time Change	0	34	34
Search and Rescue Funding	0	11	11
Speculation Tax	0	21	21
Vaccinations in schools	9	15	24
Total Weekly Mail			Approx. 261 (excl. topics logged in batches)

Hello everyone! We've been monitoring the emails coming in about the budget and there hasn't been much feedback yet, other than Search and Rescue funding requests.

**2019 Budget** – These emails are largely 'why haven't you included \_\_\_?' emails. We have seen complaints about not having enough for seniors, some specific healthcare providers etc. Since our sample size is so low, it's hard to pick out any real 'trends' but we will be sure to keep an eye on it.

**Search and Rescue Funding** – We are seeing emails from across the province, particularly North Vancouver, in support of extending funding for BC's Search and Rescue programs. These are being reviewed as they come in and are currently being referred to Minister Farnworth's office.

**Mandatory Vaccinations** – As requested by a few of you, we have been keeping up with incomings related to vaccinations and a possible mandatory vaccination program. In the table above, for clarity, support of PGOV is in support of no regulations and want PGOV to is in support of a new mandatory regime, meaning 9 anti-vaccination, 15 pro-vaccination. Like with the budget, we haven't seen too many emails come in. I believe most of these discussions are relegated to online petitions and Facebook rather than write in campaigns. The anti-vaccination writers tend to write lengthy letters supported with questionable sources, or none at all. The pro-vaccination emails are pointing to the recent outbreaks of measles as cause for great concern and believe students should be immunized to protect those who are medically unable to be vaccinated. As with the budget, we will continue to monitor vaccine emails as they come in.

Thank you for your time and have a great week!

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**From:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
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**Subject:** Correspondence Report - February 11th to February 19th

### February 11<sup>th</sup> to February 19<sup>th</sup>

Topic:	Support of PGOV position	Want PGOV to	Total received
DST – Time Change	0	28	28
E&N Railway	0	12	12
Money Laundering	0	20	20
Speculation Tax	0	45	45
Vaccinations in schools	0	8	8
Total Weekly Mail			Approx. 296 (excl. topics logged in batches)

Hello everyone! Here's the last pre-Budget break down for you. I've added another recurring issue (DST) to the list and a 'hot button' issue of mandatory vaccinations.

**DST – Time Change:** As we approach another time change, we are beginning to receive commentary about how people want to stay on either DST or PST. I believe this initial bunch of emails is likely a write in campaign as they are quite short and all came in very suddenly. I have noticed anecdotally that these write ins are starting to lose steam following the enormous campaign in 2017. The amount of emails has dropped off quite a bit since then.

**Vaccinations in Schools:** Following a measles outbreak in Vancouver and Washington State, we are beginning to see calls for mandatory vaccinations in order to prevent these outbreaks from becoming more common. A parent of the unvaccinated child that allegedly began the Vancouver outbreak spoke with media last week, spurring an increase in correspondence activity.

We will be monitoring all budget related correspondence as it comes in, but if you would like us to track any specific issues, please let us know. As always, if you'd like any clarification or examples of correspondence, don't hesitate to ask. Thank you and have a great week!

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**From:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
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**Subject:** Correspondence Report - February 1st to February 11th

### February 1st to February 11th

Topic:	Support of PGOV position	Want PGOV to	Total received
E&N Railway	0	14	14
ICBC Changes	0	20	20
Money Laundering	0	30	30
Old Growth Logging	0	12	12
Speculation Tax	0	53	53
Wet'suwet'en	0	28	28
Total Weekly Mail			Approx. 331 (excl. topics logged in batches)

Hello everyone! I hope the first week of session goes well for you all!

**E&N Railway** – The E&N Railway has had a bump in popularity recently as 13 south island mayors signed a joint letter requesting the provincial government speed up the E&N process to decrease congestion etc.

**ICBC Changes** – Recent changes to ICBC payout policies has led to a spike in incomings about specific cases. Many people writing in are concerned about limiting of payouts for soft tissue injuries.

**Money Laundering** – Recent media reports on money laundering and BC casinos has spurred a significant amount of emails. In addition to these emails requesting an inquiry, there was also a small form letter campaign mainly directed to Minister Eby.

**Old Growth Logging** – Two of our mainstay topics, old growth logging and logging in the Skagit valley, continue to bring in a decent volume of both form letters and regular emails.

**Speculation Tax** – This topic has definitely spurred the most volume so far in 2019 and late 2018. The bulk of the emails are complaining about the implementation of the declaration from logistical issues, to waits on the phone, to apprehension about giving their SIN. Many saying this is a form of 'negative billing'.

**Wet'suwet'en and Coastal GasLink** – We are still receiving a fair amount of write-in campaign emails re: Coastal GasLink and the Wet'suwet'en/Unist'ot'en. They have sharply declined over the past few weeks following further developments in the area.

As always, if you'd like any clarification or examples of correspondence, please let me know. Thank you and have a great week!

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