

Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 27, 2021 10:42 AM
To: Wey, Melody GCPE:EX
Cc: Moraes, Josh LBR:EX; Smith, Krystal LBR:EX; Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX; Hourston, Sveah LBR:EX; Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Media request: national Globe and Mail

Should we provide an additional note on background? Something like:

However, there have been several gaps identified in the federal program that remain, for example, only being able to apply for these benefits after getting sick resulting in a significant delay in getting compensation.

James Smith
Issue Manager

On Apr 27, 2021, at 10:35 AM, Wey, Melody GCPE:EX <Melody.Wey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi all- Bill Curry, Globe and Mail's Ottawa Bureau called again to say he's hearing that BC and Quebec are going to send Ottawa a similar letter to Ontario saying that if Ottawa doubles the Canadian Recovery Sickness Benefit to \$1,000 a week that BC will cover half the costs. I told Bill that the message we provided yesterday still stands and said I'd double check. Please confirm that we're standing firm on this response:

We continue to work with our federal and provincial partners on all options that will help support workers to stay home when they're sick.

From: Moraes, Josh LBR:EX <Josh.Moraes@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 26, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Wey, Melody GCPE:EX <Melody.Wey@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX <Trevor.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Krystal LBR:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Hourston, Sveah LBR:EX <Sveah.Hourston@gov.bc.ca>; Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.Hynes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Media request: national Globe and Mail

We're good with this.

Josh Moraes
Ministerial Advisor to the Honourable Harry Bains,
Minister of Labour
Ph: (778) 584-4619

On Apr 26, 2021, at 11:15 AM, Wey, Melody GCPE:EX <Melody.Wey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks- Krystal/Josh- you good with me relaying the following? I do think he's looking for a yes or no to his question as background info but will take this as well.

We continue to work with our federal and provincial partners on all options that will help support workers to stay home when they're sick.

From: Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX <Trevor.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 26, 2021 11:09 AM
To: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Wey, Melody GCPE:EX <Melody.Wey@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Krystal LBR:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Moraes, Josh LBR:EX <Josh.Moraes@gov.bc.ca>
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Support this with "works" changed to "workers".

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From: Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX <Trevor.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>
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To: Smith, Krystal LBR:EX; Moraes, Josh LBR:EX; Wey, Melody GCPE:EX; Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX
Subject: updated QP note - paid sick leave
Attachments: 2021.04.26 QP LBR - Paid Sick Leave - Final.docx

Attached

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From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 26, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Smith, Krystal LBR:EX; Moraes, Josh LBR:EX
Subject: Paid Sick Leave - KMQA for MLAs
Attachments: Paid Sick Leave - MLAs - KMQA - April 26 2021.docx

Attached.

Let me know when you hear more.

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Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 23, 2021 12:26 PM
To: Smith, Krystal LBR:EX; Moraes, Josh LBR:EX; Wey, Melody GCPE:EX
Subject: Updated messaging on paid sick leave
Attachments: Paid Sick Leave - Bains - Updated KMQA - April 23 2021.docx

Here's the updated language.

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Issues Manager
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Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 23, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Smith, George PREM:EX
Subject: Can you review?
Attachments: Paid Sick Leave - Bains - Updated KMQA - April 23 2021.docx

Updated to reflect direction from this morning

James Smith (He/Him)
Issues Manager
250.882.2892

Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 22, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Ashbourne, Jade FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Paid Sick Leave

Both in the second Q

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From: Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 22, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Ashbourne, Jade FIN:EX <Jade.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Paid Sick Leave

Just because this came up on labour call,

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From: Ashbourne, Jade FIN:EX <Jade.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 22, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Wood, Heather FIN:EX <Heather.Wood@gov.bc.ca>; Lawson, Liam FIN:EX <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Paid Sick Leave

Jade Ashbourne (they/them)
Senior Ministerial Advisor
Minister of Finance

C: 250-213-3187
E: jade.ashbourne@gov.bc.ca

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 22, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Ashbourne, Jade FIN:EX <Jade.Ashbourne@gov.bc.ca>; Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Leslie@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Paid Sick Leave

New direction from Geoff Meggs
KMs Approve by PO

James Smith (He/Him)
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Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 22, 2021 10:13 AM
To: Ashbourne, Jade FIN:EX
Subject: FW: Sick pay

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From: Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 21, 2021 4:40 PM
To: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Sick pay

From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 21, 2021 12:15
To: Bains, Harry LBR:EX <Harry.Bains@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX <Trevor.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>; Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, Krystal LBR:EX <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>; Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX <Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Sick pay

Good afternoon, Minister

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Thanks for your assistance.

Geoff

GEOFF MEGGS
Chief of Staff, Premier's Office
West Annex, Parliament Buildings

Victoria, BC, V8V 1K7
250 387-1715

Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 22, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Ashbourne, Jade FIN:EX; Leslie, Lisa GCPE:EX
Subject: Paid Sick Leave
Attachments: Paid Sick Leave - Bains - KMQA - Final.docx

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Sent: April 21, 2021 1:54 PM
To: Smith, Krystal LBR:EX; Moraes, Josh LBR:EX; Wey, Melody GCPE:EX
Subject: Paid Sick Leave - KMQA
Attachments: Paid Sick Leave - Bains - KMQA - Final.docx

This is bases on Geoff's lines and approved by PO.
For scrum prep.

James Smith (He/Him)
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Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 21, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Smith, George PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Sick pay
Attachments: Paid Sick Leave - Bains - KMQA.docx

I've turned these into a KMQA. Need ASAP sign off from PO.
Bains is scrumming after QP

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From: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 21, 2021 1:11 PM
To: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Sick pay

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 21, 2021 at 12:15:19 PM PDT
To: "Bains, Harry LBR:EX" <Harry.Bains@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX" <Trevor.Hughes@gov.bc.ca>, "Smith, George PREM:EX" <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>, "Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX" <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>, "Brandt, Alissa GCPE:EX" <Alissa.Brandt@gov.bc.ca>, "Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX" <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>, "Smith, Krystal LBR:EX" <Krystal.Smith@gov.bc.ca>, "Hockin, Amber PREM:EX" <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>, "Bain, Don PREM:EX" <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca>, "Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX" <Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Sick pay

Good afternoon, Minister

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Thanks for your assistance.

Geoff

GEOFF MEGGS

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West Annex, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC, V8V 1K7
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Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 20, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Michael GCPE:EX Olson (Michael.Olson@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: FW: Transcript of Minister QA

James Smith (He/Him)
Issues Manager
250.882.2892

From: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2021 5:03 PM
To: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Transcript of Minister QA

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Smith, George PREM:EX" <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 20, 2021 at 2:40:37 PM PDT
To: "Ryckman, Scott GCPE:EX" <Scott.Ryckman@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX" <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Transcript of Minister QA

Thank you Scott! We really appreciate it!

From: Ryckman, Scott GCPE:EX <Scott.Ryckman@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Transcript of Minister QA

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On 2021-04-20, at 12:49 PM, Scott Ryckman wrote:

Afternoon,

Indications are there was a breakdown in planning and no one was tasked with the lockup transcript work today.

Have no fear, TNO will step up and take on the additional task.

Scott
TNO

On 2021-04-20, at 11:35 AM, Scott Ryckman wrote:

I am sure someone has been tasked with the lock-up task - I will just check and get back to you.

On 2021-04-20, at 11:27 AM, Smith, George PREM:EX wrote:

The other option is to call-in live:

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Whatever works best on your end, Scott.

From: Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX

<Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 20, 2021 11:25 AM

To: Ryckman, Scott GCPE:EX

<Scott.Ryckman@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, George PREM:EX

<George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Transcript of Minister QA

Thanks Scott. Elena will send the recording as soon as possible this afternoon for transcribing. If you can flag for George and I when its posted, I would appreciate it

Lindsay Byers

Deputy Communications Director and Press
Secretary

Office of the Premier | Government of BC

P: 778.678.5539

From: Ryckman, Scott GCPE:EX

<Scott.Ryckman@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 20, 2021 11:11 AM

To: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Transcript of Minister QA

Good day,

TNO was not enlisted to transcribe any of the budget lockup content this year.

We will of course by posting and transcribing all media coverage of the budget.

Scott

TNO

On 2021-04-20, at 11:08 AM, Smith, George PREM:EX wrote:

Hi Scott,
Please send the transcript of the QA for Minister Robinson as soon as it's ready.
Thanks!

George Smith (he/him)
Deputy Communications Director
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Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 20, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Smith, George PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: FW: iPolitics: Ontario 'considering' paid sick leave after months of pressure

Heads up

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Cc: Hynes, Colin GCPE:EX <Colin.Hynes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: iPolitics: Ontario 'considering' paid sick leave after months of pressure

To you too Jimmy

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Cc: Joyes, Kieran GCPE:EX <Kieran.Joyes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: iPolitics: Ontario 'considering' paid sick leave after months of pressure

FYI has just come in

From: tno@gov.bc.ca <tno@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2021 1:32 PM
Subject: iPolitics: Ontario 'considering' paid sick leave after months of pressure

iPolitics
Iain Sherriff-Scott
2021-04-20 13:35

TNO...

<https://ipolitics.ca/2021/04/20/ontario-considering-paid-sick-leave-after-months-of-pressure/>

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Cc: Joyes, Kieran GCPE:EX <Kieran.Joyes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: iPolitics: Ontario 'considering' paid sick leave after months of pressure

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Sent: April 20, 2021 1:32 PM
Subject: iPolitics: Ontario 'considering' paid sick leave after months of pressure

iPolitics
Iain Sherriff-Scott
2021-04-20 13:35

TNO...

<https://ipolitics.ca/2021/04/20/ontario-considering-paid-sick-leave-after-months-of-pressure/>

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From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 19, 2021 4:37 PM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: FEd budget analysis
Attachments: 2021 Federal Budget - Same Day Analysis.pdf

James Smith
Issue Manager

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lawson, Liam FIN:EX" <Liam.Lawson@gov.bc.ca>
Date: April 19, 2021 at 4:35:58 PM PDT
To: "Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX" <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fw: FEd budget analysis

From: Michell, Jennifer FIN:EX
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 4:24 PM
To: White, Christine FIN:EX
Cc: Lawson, Liam FIN:EX; Ashbourne, Jade FIN:EX; Peters, Eric FIN:EX; Wood, Heather FIN:EX
Subject: FEd budget analysis

Here is the note for the Minister.

Program has advised that this can be shared with the PO as well.

Thanks
Jen

Jennifer Michell
Director, Executive Operations & Strategic Initiatives
Office of the Deputy Minister | Ministry of Finance
Tel. 250-356-6696 | Email: Jennifer.Michell@gov.bc.ca

Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 19, 2021 12:52 PM
To: McKinnon, Michael PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Scan note - Federal budget TBC

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Issues Manager
250.882.2892

From: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX
Sent: April 19, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Sarah Marriott <sarah.marriott@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Scan note - Federal budget TBC

Federal Budget (To be confirmed at 1:30pm)

Background:

- Media leaks in Ottawa indicate that the Federal Budget will include an extension of two major business support programs into September: the wage subsidy program (up to 75%) and the rent subsidy program (up to 65%)
- s.13; s.16
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Message:

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To: Ashbourne, Jade FIN:EX
Subject: FW: Scan note - Federal budget TBC

This is what PJH has for his 2pm avail.
Will send confirmation to Sage at 1:30pm.

Thought it would be helpful for prepping for MSR's 3pm

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- These supports will remain in place to help businesses transition into a recovery rather than have them pulled away right as they begin to get back on their feet.
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Hello Folks,

Here is the larger QA for the interviews with edits and changes from the previous shorter QA doc for the scrum.

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Hi all- here's the finals back for the scrum speaking notes and Q&As, they look good. Copying Trevor so he has the latest and can flag concerns, if he has any.

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Hello Folks,

Here are the materials for the morning scrum – do we have a time slot for this yet? We want to have some kind of prep with folks beforehand. I will meet the Minister tonight to talk through it and make sure he has print outs. Melody we will look at the second set of QAs for the afternoon interviews also to make sure everything is cohesive and lines up.

Will let folks know if the Minister has any further questions tonight.

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Paid Sick Leave

Highlights:

- Paid sick leave is in the Minister of Labour's mandate letter and numerous stakeholders like the BC Federation of Labour are calling on government to establish a permanent sick leave program.

Message:

- The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted that workers who are sick should not have to choose between supporting their families and staying home.
- We amended B.C.'s laws to make sure workers cannot be fired for staying home when they're sick
- Most recently, we tabled legislation to provide paid time off for vaccinations.
- Our Premier successfully advocated for the first sick benefits program for workers across Canada.
- While the program was recently expanded to 4 weeks, several additional gaps remain.
- I am disappointed the federal government has not seen the importance of a comprehensive and national paid sick leave program.
- I will continue to work with our provincial and federal partners, because this isn't just a BC problem or an Ontario problem – it's a Canada wide problem.
- At the same time, we are looking possible next steps here in BC, including discussions with labour and businesses.

- For too long, workers have gone to work while they're sick out of fear of losing their jobs.
- This pandemic has made it clear that no one should have to sacrifice their income to protect their health and the health of their loved ones.
- And Dr. Henry has told us, in order to defeat this virus, we must be able to stay home when we're sick.
- Our Premier was instrumental in establishing the first paid sick leave benefits for all Canadians.
- Additionally, our government amended the Employment Standards Act to protect people's jobs during the pandemic.
- And while these are historic changes, our government is not satisfied. I am not satisfied.
- In my mandate letter, the Premier has asked me to work with the federal government to establish a permanent paid sick leave program.
- We are exploring all options that build on the work done at the federal level and here in BC.
- At the end of the day no worker should have to choose between their health and a paycheque.

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Ministry of Labour

Paid leave for COVID-19 vaccine

April 16, 2021

Key Messages

- **We want to make sure that it's as easy as possible for workers to receive a vaccine, as part of B.C.'s Immunization Plan.**
- **That's why we are introducing amendments that, if passed, will provide up to three hours of paid leave for workers to receive their COVID-19 vaccine, for each dose.**
- **This improves the job-protected leave we brought earlier this month that ensures that no one will lose their job if they need time off work to get their COVID-19 vaccine.**
- **We consulted with the business and labour community, other stakeholders and with Indigenous partners – most understand the need for workers to be vaccinated and providing a safe workspace for workers and customers.**
- **This ensures workers are not forced to choose between being paid and getting vaccinated.**

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6. Is this paid leave available to both full and part time workers?

- The proposed legislation allows full-time and part-time employees to take this leave.
- We all have an interest in supporting as many workers as possible to be vaccinated against COVID-19. No one should have to choose between being paid or getting vaccinated.

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8. Who did you consult with?

- We consulted with the business community, labour organizations, Indigenous partners, and other stakeholders in developing this legislation.
- We heard from a range of voices that represent employers, workers, Indigenous partners, people of colour and vulnerable and low-wage and migrant workers.

Questions & Answers

9. What consultations were done with Indigenous peoples?

- We consulted with the First Nations Health Authority to provide input on our work.
- We also had discussions with urban and rural Indigenous representatives from the Minister's Advisory Council on Indigenous Women and the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres to obtain a variety of perspectives.
- I also presented the topic to a group that included leaders and senior representatives from the BC Assembly of First Nations, the First Nations Summit, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and the First Nations Major Project Coalition.
- We were advised that paid vaccination leave will particularly assist Indigenous women who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19; and feedback included a recognition that small businesses, including Indigenous businesses, would experience a financial impact.
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12. With the variants rapidly spreading around the world, it seems like COVID-19 is going to be with us for some time. Why not make this a permanent provision?

- We have been working quickly, first to bring in the job-protected leave so we could give workers protection to take time off work to get the COVID-19 vaccine – and now to bring in legislative amendments for a paid leave.
- The paid leave is intended to support British Columbians through the current COVID-19 emergency and will be in place until repealed by regulation.
- Let's get through the current pandemic and have the benefit of reflection and further consultation on how this leave supports workers, employer, Indigenous partners, and other stakeholders – to inform whether to have this for future pandemics.

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14. Will this leave be available to workers each time they need time off for a dose, if for example it turns out people need to get an annual vaccine or booster for the variants?

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- Right now, the paid leave is intended to support British Columbians through the current COVID-19 pandemic and will be in place until repealed by regulation.
- This leave is available for both the first and second doses of the vaccine to fully vaccinate British Columbians against COVID-19.
- We will review the longer-term situation if there's a need for something else once we're through the current pandemic.

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Key Messages

- As the Premier has said, our government will continue to work on the issue of paid sick leave in the face of the federal budget's failure to take any action.
- Since the outset of the pandemic, we have led the way in pushing for and developing increased supports for workers, so they don't go to work when they're sick.
- Across Canada, workers are pushing for action because they shouldn't have to choose between going into work sick or seeing a loss of income.
- We share those concerns and we are preparing for possible next steps in British Columbia.
- We need to do everything possible to make sure workplace transmission does not happen and people do not go to work when they are sick.

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2021 FEDERAL BUDGET

Same-day Budget Analysis

B.C. Ministry of Finance

Overview

- On April 19, 2021, the Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, tabled the federal budget titled "A Recovery Plan for Jobs, Growth, and Resilience".
- The main themes of the budget are:
 - Finishing the Fight Against COVID-19
 - Creating Jobs and Growth
 - A Resilient and Inclusive Recovery
 - Fair and Responsible Government
- The budget estimates a deficit of \$354.2B in 2020/21 and \$154.7B in 2021/22, with deficits falling to \$30.7B by 2025/26.
 - The budget does not project a return to balance.
 - Federal debt-to-GDP (representing accumulated deficits) is projected to peak at 51.2% in 2021/22, declining to 49.2% in 2025/26. The budget states that Canada continues to have, by far, the lowest net debt-to-GDP balance relative to international peers (e.g. G7 countries).
 - The deficit-to-GDP ratio, which measures the size of the deficit in relation to the economy, is on a path to fall to 1.1% over the planning horizon, from the current 6.4% in 2021/22.

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Other New/Increased Transfers to Provinces

Purpose	Funding	Description
Long Term Care	\$3B / 5 years	\$600M/year starting in 2022/23 to support provinces and territories in ensuring standards for long-term care are applied and permanent changes are made. <i>Note: The Fall Economic Statement announced \$1B over two years (2020/21 and 2021/22) for long term care,</i> s.13; s.16 s.13; s.16
Palliative Care	\$29.8M / 6 years	Funding (including \$1M this year) to Health Canada; it is not clear how this funding will be allocated and how much will flow through provinces and territories.

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Opioid Crisis and Problematic Substance Use	\$116M / 2 years	\$58M per year in 2021/22 and 2022/23; the allocation is not addressed, although the budget notes that this has been an issue in Ontario and Western Canada, "with severe impacts in British Columbia and Alberta." <i>Note: This is in addition to 10-year bilateral agreements that were signed in 2017 and allocated on an equal per capita basis.</i>
Canada-wide early learning and child care system	\$27.2B / 5 years additional funding	To allow for a 50% reduction in fees by end of 2022 (to an average of \$10/day by 2025/26)s.13; s.16; s.17 s.13; s.16; s.17

Other Major Expenditure Announcements

Program	Funding	Description
EI	Extend Sickness Benefits: \$3.0B / 5 years	Extend the EI sickness benefit from 15 weeks to 26 weeks to address the coverage issues for people with long-term illness (e.g. cancer). The extension will take effect in summer 2022. s.13; s.16
	\$3.9B / 3 years	Maintain EI universal entrance with a 14-week minimum entitlement for regular benefits as well as other legislative changes to make EI more accessible and simple during economic recovery.
	\$5M / 2 years	A commitment of 2-year consultations on long-term EI reform starting in 2021/22.
Extending the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB) /Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit (CRCB)	\$2.5B / 2 years	A further extension of Canada Recovery Benefit by 12 weeks to 50 weeks (from the current 38 weeks). The benefit amount for these additional 12 weeks will decline from \$500/week after the first 4 weeks to \$300/week. All new claims after July 17, 2021 will also receive \$300/week till Fall 2021. Extend the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit from 38 weeks to 42 weeks at the same \$500/week.
Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program	\$960M / 3 years	New Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program by ESDC to design and deliver sector-based training programs, especially for small and medium-sized businesses.

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Health Environment for a Healthy Recovery	\$8.8B / 5 years	For growing a net-zero economy, investing in clean energy, advancing Canada's climate plan, building green homes and communities, adapting to climate changes, and protecting nature.
Aquaculture (B.C. specific)	\$20M / 2 years \$3M / 2 years	To expand engagement to work towards transition away from open net-pen salmon farming in B.C. by 2025. To pilot area-based management approaches to planning, management, and monitoring of aquaculture activities in priority areas on the B.C. coast
Extending the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS)	\$10.2B in 2021/22	Extend the wage subsidy until September 25, 2021. It also proposes to gradually decrease the subsidy rate, beginning July 4, 2021, in order to ensure an orderly phase-out of the program
Extending the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy and the Lockdown Support (CERS)	\$1.9B in 2021/22	Extend the rent subsidy and Lockdown Support until September 25, 2021. It also proposes to gradually decrease the rate of the rent subsidy, beginning July 4, 2021.
Canada Recovery Hiring Program (CRHR)	\$595M in 2021/22	New program to provide employers with a subsidy up to 50% on the incremental remuneration to employees for hiring new workers and/or increasing hours between June and November 2021. Employers can apply through either CRHR or CEWS for a certain period, not both.
New Regional Development Agency for B.C.	\$553M / 5 years (\$320M is new) & \$110.6M / year ongoing	To support the new agency and ensure businesses in B.C. can grow and create good jobs for British Columbians

Key Revenue/Tax Initiatives

- The federal government is extending current COVID relief programs and also proposing business tax measures to encourage recovery and investment in manufacturing and "green" technology. Key recovery measures are:
 - Immediate expensing of capital cost allowance for businesses (encourages purchasing capital equipment)
 - Capital Cost Allowance for Clean Energy Equipment (encourages capital investment)

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- Many of the significant tax proposals are not actually finalized – they are being proposed with the caveat that consultation with stakeholders and provinces will occur later. These measures include:
 - Digital Services Tax
 - New tax on unproductive use of housing (the federal vacancy tax)
 - Border carbon adjustment for carbon taxes

For more details on changes to tax policies, please refer to the Appendix.

GBA+ Highlights

- \$18B Indigenous Communities over the next 5 years for an investment in strong Indigenous Communities
- \$146.9M over 4 years to support Women Entrepreneurs
- \$601.3M over 5 years for a National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence
- As well as funding to support: Black Entrepreneurship, Black Communities, equality for LGBT2 Communities, racialized newcomer women, and the establishment of a National Institute for Women's Health Research

Economic Outlook

- Real GDP growth is estimated to be 4.0% for 2021/22, and 2.1% for 2022/23.
- Unemployment rate is expected to drop down to 6.5% in 2021/22 and 6.2% in 2022/23, from 8.0% in 2020/21 as the economy rebounds, which suggests a faster-than-expected recovery relative to Fall Update 2020.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Real GDP (% Change)					
Budget 2021	5.8	4.0	2.1	1.9	1.8
Fall Update 2020	4.8	3.2	2.3	2.1	1.9
B.C. Budget (National)	4.1	3.5	2.0	1.7	1.6
Nominal GDP (% Change)					
Budget 2021	9.3	6.0	4.0	4.0	3.8
Fall Update 2020	7.0	5.3	4.4	4.3	4.0
Consumer Price Index (% Change)					
Budget 2021	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1
Fall Update 2020	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1
B.C. Budget (National)	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Budget 2021	8.0	6.5	6.2	6.0	5.9
Fall Update 2020	8.2	7.1	6.4	6.1	6.1

Fiscal Sustainability and Return to Balance

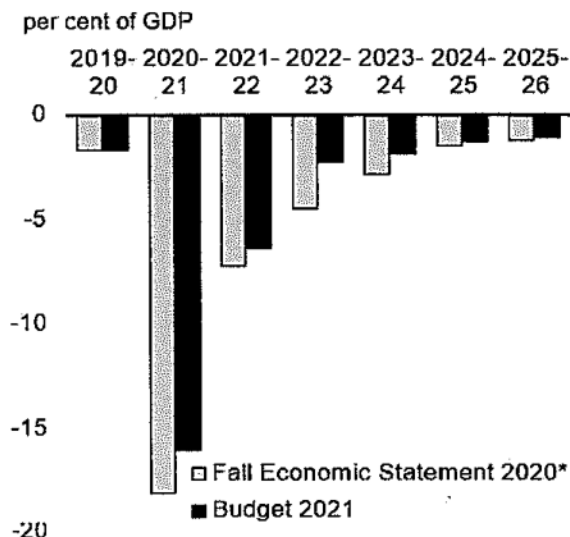
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- Debt / GDP is expected to grow to 51.2% in 2021/22 from 49.0% 2020/21 and 31.2% in 2019/20. The federal debt-to-GDP ratio returns to a downward track over the following years, and is forecast to be approximately 49% in 2025-26.
- Fiscal anchors: Budget 2021 states that the government is committed to unwinding COVID-related deficits and reducing the federal debt as a share of the economy over the medium-term.
 - The deficit-to-GDP ratio, which measures the size of the deficit in relation to the economy, is on a path to fall to 1.1% over the planning horizon.
- The budget notes that public debt charges as a per cent of GDP are expected to stay near their lowest level in over a century over the forecast horizon.

Fiscal Balance After Budget Measures

- Budget 2021 now forecasts:
 - A deficit of \$354.2B in 2020/21, up from the previous federal estimate of \$382B in the 2020 federal Fall Statement.
 - \$154.7B in 2021/22 and \$59.7B in 2022/23.
- These deficits are net of ongoing actuarial losses, of \$12.2B in 2021/22. Actuarial losses per year decline annually, reaching \$2.4B for the year 2025/26.
 - Net actuarial losses represent changes in the measurement of the government's obligations for pensions and other employee future benefits accrued in previous fiscal years.
- The budget does not project a return to balance over the forecast horizon; in the final year of the forecast horizon in 2025/26, the federal deficit is projected to be \$30.7B.

Budgetary Balance



*FES 2020 is including the escalated restrictions outlook and incremental \$100 billion (Scenario 4)

Sources: Fiscal Reference Tables; Department of Finance Canada.

Appendix – Tax Changes

Measure	Federal Fiscal Impact	Description of Measure
Personal Income Tax		
Enhancement of Canada Workers Benefit	Cost of \$8.9B / 6 years	<p>The Canada Workers Benefit (CWB) is an existing refundable tax credit to low-income individuals and families to offset the claw back of social assistance benefits.</p> <p>Budget 2021 significantly expands the CWB by increasing the income thresholds at which the benefit starts to phase out.</p>
Corporate Income Tax		
New digital services tax (DST)	Increased revenue of \$3.4B / 5 years	<p>The government will introduce a new digital services tax effective January 1, 2022, as an interim measure until a multilateral approach comes into effect.</p> <p>The tax is 3% of revenue from large digital service providers that are reliant on Canadian users. In-scope revenue includes online marketplace services (e.g. Amazon), social media, online advertising and sale of user data.</p> <p>s.13; s.17</p> <p>The federal government plans to engage with provinces to discuss the implications of the new tax.</p>
Immediate expensing of certain capital investments	Cost of \$2.2B / 5 years	<p>Generally, when a business purchases a long-lived asset, the cost of the asset is deducted over several years for tax purposes based on prescribed rates.</p> <p>Budget 2021 proposes to allow Canadian-controlled private corporations to immediately expense up to \$1.5M of certain capital purchases per year until January 1, 2024.</p> <p>s.13; s.17</p>
Interest deductibility limits	Increased revenue of \$5.3B / 5 years	<p>Generally, businesses can deduct interest expenses on debts obtained for business purposes. However, in some cases, the amount of the deduction can be excessive, and used to shift profits away from Canada to low-tax jurisdictions.</p> <p>Budget 2021 proposes that, starting in 2023, the amount of interest that certain businesses can deduct be limited to 40 per cent of their earnings in the first year of the measure and 30% thereafter. Relief will be provided for small businesses and situations that do not represent significant tax base erosion risks. The government expects to release draft legislation this summer and seek stakeholder input on the new rules.</p>

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Rate Reduction for Zero-Emission Technology Manufacturers	Less than \$0.0B / 5 years	<p>Budget 2021 proposes to reduce—by 50%—the general corporate and small business income tax rates for businesses that manufacture zero-emission technologies.</p> <p>The reductions would go into effect on January 1, 2022 and would be gradually phased out starting January 1, 2029 and eliminated by January 1, 2032. The government and stakeholders will regularly review new technologies that might be eligible.</p> <p>A taxpayer would qualify for the reduced tax rates on its eligible income only if at least 10% of its gross revenue from all active businesses carried on in Canada is derived from eligible activities.</p> <p>s.13; s.16; s.17</p>
Film or Video Production Tax Credits	Cost of \$0.1B / 4 years (2022/23 – 2025/26)	<p>Budget 2021 proposes to temporarily extend by 12 months certain timelines for the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit (CPTC) and the Film or Video Production Services Tax Credit (PSTC).</p> <p>s.13; s.16; s.17</p>
Hybrid mismatch arrangements	Increased revenue of \$0.8B / 5 years	<p>Hybrid mismatch arrangements are cross-border tax schemes, used primarily by multinational enterprises, that exploit differences between Canadian and foreign income tax laws to avoid paying their fair share of tax.</p> <p>Budget 2021 proposes to eliminate the tax benefits of hybrid mismatch arrangements. The proposals would be implemented in stages starting July 1, 2022.</p>
Capital Cost Allowance for Clean Energy Equipment	Cost of \$0.1B / 5 years (2021/22 – 2025/26)	<p>Budget 2021 proposes to expand the list of equipment eligible for tax incentives to include equipment used in pumped hydroelectric energy storage, renewable fuel production, hydrogen production by electrolysis of water, and hydrogen refueling. Certain existing investment restrictions would also be removed.</p> <p>Additionally, Budget 2021 proposes to update the eligibility criteria such that certain fossil-fuelled and low efficiency waste-fueled electrical generation equipment will no longer be eligible after 2024.</p>
Consumption Tax Measures		
Luxury Sales Tax	Increased revenue of \$604M / 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New tax on retail sale of new luxury cars and personal aircraft priced over \$100K and boats priced over \$250K. • Calculated as:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cars and aircraft: the <u>lesser</u> of 10% of the full value or 20% of the value above \$100K. ○ Boats: the <u>lesser</u> of 10% of the full value or 20% of the value above \$250,000. • Effective January 1, 2022. <p>B.C. context: B.C. applies a surtax under the PST to passenger vehicles with a purchase price of \$55,000 or more. There is no surtax on boats or aircraft, though B.C. collects 12% PST (rather than 7%) on acquisitions of boats or aircraft to which GST doesn't apply (e.g. private sales).</p>
Increased Excise Duty on Tobacco	Increased revenue of \$2.135B / 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the cigarette rate by 2 cents per cigarette, from 12.545 cents to 14.545 cents per cigarette. • Increase the loose tobacco rate by 2.5 cents per gram, from 15.681 cents to 18.181 cents per gram. • Increase the cigar rate by \$4.35 per 1,000 cigars. There is an additional per-cigar amount that also increases by 1.565 cents per cigar, from 9.814 cents to 11.379 cents per cigar, or 88% of the sale price or duty paid value (whichever is greater). • Effective April 20, 2021. <p>B.C. context: B.C.'s tobacco tax is calculated on a per-unit or per-gram basis, depending on the product, and revenues are not directly affected by the federal excise duty. s.13; s.17</p>
Excise Duty on Vaping Products	No forecast provided (early proposal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposes implementing an excise duty on vaping products in 2022 at a rate "in the order of \$1 per 10ml" of vaping product. • Would exempt cannabis-based vaping products because they are already subject to the federal cannabis excise duty framework. • Includes licensing and excise stamping rules for manufacturers and importers. • Invites FPT coordination, allowing for a federal rate and an additional provincial rate, with administration to be handled by the CRA. <p>B.C. context: B.C. was the first province to introduce a specific tax rate for vapour products (announced fall 2019, implemented Jan 1, 2020). In B.C., 20% PST applies to vapour products, including the devices used to consume the liquids that Canada proposes to tax. B.C. did not make an exception for cannabis vaping products. s.13; s.16; s.17</p>
Consultations on Border Carbon Adjustments	No forecast provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Border carbon adjustments would apply a price at the border to account for differences in carbon pollution pricing with Canada's trading partners.

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	(early proposal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The consultation process will begin in the summer and will include provinces and territories, importers, and exporters (particularly those importers/exporters that deal with emissions intensive goods). <p>B.C. context: B.C. has no border adjustment for carbon. B.C.'s carbon tax generally applies to fuels and combustibles that are purchased or consumed in B.C.</p>
Engagement with First Nations on Certain Consumption Taxes	No forecast provided (early proposal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announces an intention to engage with interested Indigenous governments and organizations on a framework for the negotiation of agreements that would enable interested Indigenous governments to implement a fuel, alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis sales tax within their reserves or settlement lands. Budget document provides few details. s.13; s.16; s.17
Duty and Tax Collection on Imported Goods	Increased revenue of \$688M / 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amends <i>Customs Act</i> to ensure importers value their goods using the value of the last sale for export to a purchaser in Canada, rather than lower (previous) foreign sale prices. Modernizes payment processes for commercial importers to streamline billing. <p>s.13; s.16; s.17</p>
Other Tax Measures		
Tax on Unproductive Use of Canadian Housing by Non-resident Owners	\$700M / 4 years	<p>An annual 1 percent tax on the value of non-resident, non-Canadian owned residential property that is considered to be "vacant" or "underused" effective January 1, 2022.</p> <p>An annual declaration will be required as to the use of the property for all owners other than Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada.</p> <p>The annual declaration will be filed with the CRA for the prior year (declarations will begin in 2023 for the 2022 calendar year) and will require all owners, other than Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, to file irrespective of whether the owner is subject to tax.</p> <p>Exemptions will be available, such as for properties that are leased to a qualified tenant for a minimum period.</p> <p>A consultation paper to be released in the coming months to provide an opportunity to comment on the parameters of the tax, including the definition of residential property, potential</p>

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		exemptions and whether special rules should be established for small tourism and resort communities. Revenues will support investments in housing affordability.
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Travel restrictions – Adam Olsen – mass confusion from people – the results on Friday were a lot different than what the Premier had said on Monday. British Columbians are frustrated with this information. These restrictions should have been put in place four or five weeks ago. The government needs to catch up. There needs to be paid sick leave.

Moe Sihota – Is government doing enough for tourism businesses? Yes. Funding of \$50 million after restrictions put in place – BC is doing the most per capita than any other jurisdiction – I expect Minister Kahlon to announce more this week. The majority of British Columbians are complying with orders – and I expect that will continue

Dianne Watts – it is a balancing act to navigate this. Hospitality industry is hurting – and there is no support for the workers that have been laid off. There has to be more.

Adam Olsen – The government is not moving – it is scrambling. The bill for paid leave for vaccination is late, and could have been introduced weeks ago .

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Hi all, did a quick scan that showed one question that was about paid sick leave.

I'm sure Melody can jump in if there's anything I missed too as she saw this live!

Rob Shaw: Hi Minister. I don't see a paid sick leave program in here and I didn't see one in the federal budget on Monday. Is there a decision provincially why we wouldn't do that and can you expand on the decision not to create one?

Robinson: The Premier has been certainly talking with the federal government and asking them, asking the prime minister, asking Minister Freeland to develop a national paid sick leave program making sure that all Canadians no matter where they live have the opportunity to stay home when they're sick. We were -- I was disappointed; I'm not going to say we, just me -- I was disappointed that the federal government chose not to do that and we're going to continue to talk with them and encourage them to move forward on that.

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Hey Krystal,

Here's the April 13th and the early December scrums from the Premier.

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