

**King, Kim J M JAG:EX**

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**From:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 8:42 AM  
**To:** King, Kim J M JAG:EX  
**Subject:** Reply Direct please FW: Attorney General File No. 420571

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**From:** Allison, Brittany JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 8:39 AM  
**To:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Attorney General File No. 420571

Reply direct.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 8:17 AM  
**To:** Allison, Brittany JAG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Attorney General File No. 420571

Hi Brittany,

Action please- many thanks,

Candice

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**From:** JAG WEBFEEDBACK JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 8:05 AM  
**To:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Attorney General File No. 420571

Good morning Candice,  
Thanks for actioning.  
Kim

**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Monday, April 11, 2016 8:47 PM  
**To:** JAG WEBFEEDBACK JAG:EX  
**Cc:** Minister, FIN FIN:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Attorney General File No. 420571

Dear Minister Anton,

Thank you for your reply and clarification. I will be contacting the parties you have mentioned for further explanation.

That said, you are responsible for legislation in this province. It is becoming increasingly clear that our current legislation and regulation are inadequate to address what anyone with common sense can see is money laundering through real estate in our province. What other reason could there possibly be to bid hundreds of thousands of dollars more than asking price for property? How can "student", "housewife" and "numbered company" pay cash for multi-million dollar homes? To accept such transactions as normal sets an example that can only encourage more white collar crime and where there is more white collar crime money more violent crime soon follows. Please act.

Sincerely,  
s.22

On Mon, Apr 11, 2016 at 3:58 PM, JAG WEBFEEDBACK JAG:EX <[AGWEBFEEDBACK@gov.bc.ca](mailto:AGWEBFEEDBACK@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

s.22

Email: s.22

Dear s.22

Thank you for your emails dated March 16 and April 1, 2016, regarding a Globe and Mail news story concerning issues related to money laundering.

Regarding the exemption for lawyers from reporting cash transactions to the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre (FINTRAC), you may wish to contact the Law Society of British Columbia. I am advised that it is due to the Law Society's Code of Professional Conduct for British Columbia that the courts (with the Law Society as a party) have determined that the FINTRAC legislation on handling cash transactions need not apply to lawyers. If you wish to contact the Law Society, they can be reached at the following address:

Law Society of British Columbia  
845 Cambie Street

Vancouver BC V6B 4Z9

Telephone: 604-669-2533

Toll-free telephone: 1-800-903-5300

Facsimile: 604-669-5232

With respect to concerns about real estate licensee conduct and reporting to FINTRAC, this is a matter that falls within the responsibilities of the Honourable Michael de Jong, Minister of Finance. Ministry staff have forwarded a copy of your email to Minister de Jong for his review.

If you wish to contact FINTRAC directly about this matter, they can be reached at the following address:

FINTRAC

24<sup>th</sup> Floor - 234 Laurier Avenue West

Ottawa ON K1P 1H7

Email: [guidelines-lignesdirectrices@fintrac-canafe.gc.ca](mailto:guidelines-lignesdirectrices@fintrac-canafe.gc.ca)

Toll-free telephone: 1-866-346-8722

Facsimile: 613-943-7931

FINTRAC is an independent agency that reports to the federal Minister of Finance; therefore, you may wish to bring any concerns in this regard to the attention of the Honourable William Francis Morneau. He can be reached at the following address:

The Honourable William Francis Morneau, PC, MP

Minister of Finance

House of Commons

Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Email: [Bill.Morneau@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Bill.Morneau@parl.gc.ca)

Telephone: 613-992-1377

Facsimile: 613-992-1383

I appreciate having received your emails.

Yours very truly,

*Original signed by:*

Suzanne Anton QC

Attorney General

Minister of Justice

pc: The Honourable Michael de Jong

**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Friday, April 1, 2016 6:27 PM

**To:** Minister, JAG JAG:EX

**Cc:** Chandra Herbert.MLA, Spencer LASS:EX

**Subject:** Re: Money laundering

Dear Minister Anton,

I have not yet received an acknowledgment, let alone an answer, to the e-mail below. It has been over 2 weeks. I have not forgotten. I am still waiting for your explanation.

Sincerely,

s.22

On Wednesday, 16 March 2016, s.22

wrote:

Dear Minister Anton,

In an article reporting on CMHC's difficulty getting cooperation in its search for information about foreign buyers of Canadian real estate, the Globe and Mail stated:

"The Law Society of B.C. told CMHC that... Lawyers have also been given an exemption to the requirement to report financial transactions of more than \$10,000 to the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada, which tracks money laundering.

Three real estate industry professionals also told CMHC that a B.C. rule that buyers report their immigration status on property transfer tax forms was rarely enforced and was only filled out when "a buyer is a first-time home buyer and the value of the property is lower than \$500,000, which is rarely the case."

Please explain.

Sincerely,

s.22

