

From: Bond, Shirley B JTST:EX
To: [Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Mental Health slide deck
Date: Thursday, August 11, 2016 8:52:43 AM

This works

Thanks for the work on this - we will discuss further before the meeting

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On Aug 11, 2016, at 8:31 AM, Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX <Trevor.Hughes@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Minister – how are you? Once again, I’m sorry to be interrupting^{s.22}
but you did ask me to link back to you on the mental health piece you and
Minister Regan are co-leading in Prince George on Sept 9. The NS ADM and I
have prepared the attached slide deck for your consideration. I will be doing
speaking notes for you, but at a high level wanted you to see our collaboration.
Minister Regan would introduce the deck and do slides 1 to 8. Then transition to
you to talk a bit about what action is occurring in B.C. (slides 9 and 10) before
setting out the context for a national approach to workplace mental health (slide
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You’d speak briefly

about the role of Labour Ministers related to workplace mental health (slide 12).
Then on slide 13, you set the stage for Gord Ditchburn to speak about fire
fighters and workplace mental health and what they think will be beneficial
(access to treatment, anti-stigma) before coming back to you for the Ministers’
discussion (in camera with Gord leaving the room) on what could be done as
next steps.

Happy to get your thoughts and input.

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From: Bond, Shirley B JTST:EX
To: [Johnson, Sheldon GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Currie, David GCPE:EX](#); [Verge, Kent JTST:EX](#); [Pochynok, Carlie JTST:EX](#); [Karod, Suneil JTST:EX](#); [Baskerville, Shannon AEST:EX](#); [Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Media - 1 new
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 9:32:05 AM

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On Jan 20, 2017, at 9:16 AM, Johnson, Sheldon GCPE:EX <Sheldon.Johnson@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Minister –

We have the below statement we'd like to send to the reporter to address her questions (reminder – 2pm today deadline). Also, for #2 question on stats, we'd like to refer her back to WSBC as they are the ones who can verify if they are accurate.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->We are grateful for the difficult work that first responders do and are concerned about their health and well-being. The legislation in place in BC for workers compensation is among the broadest in Canada and includes coverage for work-related mental disorders, including PTSD.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->In order to determine how we can better support first responders the First Responders Mental Health Committee continues to do it's work. The group has broad representation and has made significant progress. We believe their work will help shape best practice and improved education and prevention.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->Importantly their work will help to create a cultural shift where first responders better recognize risk factors for mental health and are aware of the resources and best practices available to support them.

<!--[if !supportLists]--> <!--[endif]-->We have also engaged with the Federal government and our provincial and territorial colleagues to look at work that could be done at the national level.

Sheldon

From: Currie, David GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 4:40 PM

To: Bond, Shirley B JTST:EX; Verge, Kent JTST:EX; Pochynok, Carlie JTST:EX; Karod, Suneil JTST:EX

Cc: Baskerville, Shannon JTST:EX; Hughes, Trevor LBR:EX; Johnson, Sheldon GCPE:EX

Subject: Media - 1 new

Minister,

One new request, due tomorrow at 2pm, from the Cdn Press asking:

1. What is the status of that bill and why hasn't Minister Shirley Bond

endorsed it or brought in similar legislation?

2. Statistics collected by the Tema Conter Memorial Trust indicate B.C. has the most first responder suicides in the country, with 19 last year and 13 in 2015. Is that a concern for Minister Bond and what is she doing about it?

Reporter

Laura Kane, Reporter
Canadian Press (BC Bureau)
LRK@cp.org
604-692-1167

Deadline Friday, January 20, 2017 2:00 PM

Request

I'm writing a story looking at whether we need a national strategy to deal with PTSD in first responders. Part of the reason why some first responders advocate for the federal government to take a leadership role is because the legislation for workers' compensation is inconsistent across the provinces.

I understand that NDP MLA Shane Simpson introduced a bill last year to bring B.C. in line with Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba, which have amended their workers' compensation legislation to presume that PTSD among first responders is work-caused.

Question

1. What is the status of that bill and why hasn't Minister Shirley Bond endorsed it or brought in similar legislation?
2. Statistics collected by the Tema Conter Memorial Trust indicate B.C. has the most first responder suicides in the country, with 19 last year and 13 in 2015. Is that a concern for Minister Bond and what is she doing about it?

Background

Recommendation

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Subject: Re: Media - 1 for approval (Surrey Now - PTSD)
Date: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 2:30:19 PM

Here is the approved statement -

"The legislation in place in B.C. for workers compensation is among the broadest in Canada and includes coverage for work-related mental disorders, including PTSD.

"B.C. continues to be the only jurisdiction that recognizes in legislation diagnosed, work-related mental health disorders for both traumatic events and chronic stressors for all workers.

"In order to determine how we can better support first responders, the First Responders Mental Health Committee continues its work.

"The Committee's mandate is focused on how we can better promote positive mental health and provide leadership, resources, awareness, education, training and support which first responders, their communities, and leaders might need.

"The group has broad representation and has made significant progress. We believe their work will help shape best practice and improved education and prevention.

"Importantly, their work will help to create a cultural shift where first responders better recognize risk factors for mental health and are aware of the resources and best practices available to support them.

"We have also engaged with the Federal government and our provincial and territorial colleagues to look at work that could be done together at the national level."

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On Feb 28, 2017, at 10:08 AM, Currie, David GCPE:EX <David.Currie@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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"B.C. continues to be the only jurisdiction that recognizes in legislation diagnosed, work-related mental health disorders for both traumatic events and chronic stressors for all workers.

"In order to determine how we can better support first responders, the First Responders Mental Health Committee continues its work.

"The Committee's mission statement is to actively promote positive mental health and provide leadership, resources, awareness, education, training and support which first responders, their communities, and leaders might need.

"Their mandate does not include looking at prospective legislative changes.

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