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To: [Fyfe, Richard J JAG:EX](#)
Cc: [Richter, Connie JAG:EX](#)
Subject: End of Session Message from the DAG
Date: Friday, December 1, 2017 9:59:15 AM
Importance: High

Good morning, Richard.

I drafted the following message for your consideration and distribution to MAG staff. I know that it's especially meaningful for staff when they get kudos from the DAG.

Cris

Congratulatory End of Session Message from Deputy Attorney General to MAG

As we celebrate the end of this legislative session, I want to acknowledge the outstanding work of our ministry staff during the current session. In particular, I extend my sincere thanks to the Civil Policy and Legislation Office of Justice Services Branch and the Court Services Branch team for their exceptional efforts in supporting the legislative program and successful completion of our ministry's bills.

Despite extremely challenging circumstances, our ministry contributed six of the 16 bills in the fall session, including:

- Election Amendment Act, 2017
- Constitution Amendment Act, 2017
- Electoral Reform Referendum 2018 Act
- Lobbyists Registration Amendment Act, 2017
- Provincial Court Amendment Act, 2017
- Sheriff Amendment Act, 2017

The significant changes that were brought about by the legislation, in a span of less than four months, could not have been possible without the perseverance and hard work of a number of ministry staff. The effort that goes into the development of such an ambitious legislative program is immense and often invisible.s.22

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Thank you all for your long hours, consummate professionalism, and commitment to delivering quality legislative products for the ministry and the people of British Columbia.

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To: [Hoadley, David JAG:EX](#)
Cc: [Fyfe, Richard J JAG:EX](#); [Richter, Connie JAG:EX](#); [Pearson, Barbera JAG:EX](#)
Subject: FACTCHECK: Budget 2018
Date: Saturday, December 2, 2017 9:32:01 AM
Attachments: [b AG - Budget 2018 - TBS BN - DM FACTCHECK.docx](#)
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David,

Richard signed off but would like a detailed walk thru of the numbers and the TB note attached here (take also budget power point).

Connie pls schedule meeting for Richard and David as I am away next week they go to TB on the 7th so need to do this prior.

Thank you,
Shauna

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hoadley, David JAG:EX" <David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca>
Date: December 1, 2017 at 4:02:04 PM PST
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Subject: FW: FACTCHECK: Budget 2018

Hi Barb,

DAG approval of Fact Check is due by noon, Monday, Dec 4th. Please send this through E-Approvals for the DM to approve. We are still working through the 19 page note, but so far the facts are correct.

Thanks,

From: Helliwell, Jacob FIN:EX
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 9:27 AM
To: Brouwer, Shauna JAG:EX; Hoadley, David JAG:EX
Cc: Dube, Jonathan FIN:EX
Subject: FACTCHECK: Budget 2018
Importance: High

Good morning,

Please find attached a TBS briefing note for DM fact check on AG's *Budget 2018* key
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Please confirm ministry agreement with the factual content, including confirmation of DM sign-off by noon on Monday, December 4.

Regards,
Jacob

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From: [Richter, Connie JAG:EX](#)
To: [Fyfe, Richard J JAG:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Update on electoral reform engagement
Date: Friday, December 15, 2017 3:46:55 PM

Will you support or do you want Neil to participate?

From: Fyfe, Richard J JAG:EX
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Richter, Connie JAG:EX
Subject: FW: Update on electoral reform engagement

Connie, please add to roundtable for AG briefing.
Thanks,
RF

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From: Sandstrom, Kurt JAG:EX
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2017 2:20 PM
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Subject: Fwd: Update on electoral reform engagement

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Subject: Update on electoral reform engagement

As you know, the electoral reform engagement runs until the end of February. As planned, the initial roll-out of late November is being supplemented with a number of items for a "refresh" in mid-January. FYI below is the status/development of the several moving pieces:

- Website refresh: a creative firm has been retained to create a new look/feel for the site and to create new learning materials (infographics, short videos).

- Translation of materials: as per MO direction, a firm has been retained to translate the questionnaire and voting systems information into French, Punjabi and Chinese (traditional and simplified).
- Ipsos has been contracted to administer the questionnaire to a demographically balanced online panel, which will assist in evaluating responses received via the website.
- Ipsos will also be providing a summary/analysis of feedback received ASAP after the engagement ends, for feeding into the report that Kevin and I will be writing for AG signature/approval.
- We are working with a contact at MIRR to retain a First Nations liaison, who will conduct interviews/discussions with various FN leadership on the referendum and provide us with a summary of those discussions/recommendations.
- A different contractor is preparing info kits for libraries and liaising with librarians.

Kevin and I are going to many meetings and providing input on the substance of the materials and ensuring that contractors know they can approach us as needed for advice/confirmation of accuracy.

The first key date is Jan. 15th. That is the date scheduled for the website refresh and likely an announcement re: mailer coming out, translated materials available, etc. Also the start of online advertising and new social media efforts. That means getting MO approvals for various materials early in January. Coordinating with our GCPE shop, we'll be sending a heads up to the MO on the need for quick decisions on those items.

After Feb. 28th, we will be looking to get results from Ipsos, as well as any translated responses, as soon as possible for our analysis and incorporation into the report.

Consultation with MAH and EBC will be ongoing starting in January (MAH because of likely overlap with local government elections in fall).

The post-engagement report will also address other aspects of the referendum, including funding for pro/opp groups, date of referendum, start of official referendum campaign period, etc. It will effectively be the policy document that guides the development of the detailed regulations we will need to draft for the conduct of the referendum. To that end, we are planning to set up a briefing time with the AG in early January to consider a number of issues we'll need direction on re: the content of the report and the process for making the key

decisions.

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We likely won't start seeing invoices until into January, which I will review and forward to Sean for processing. We will also get monthly budget/forecast updates from the overall project manager as well.

Let me know if you want anything further on this.

Neil Reimer

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