

Smith, George AG:EX

From: Holt, Lynne FIN:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 9:32 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: Re: Urgent- Hospital appeal board

Okay we will get it redrafted.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 28, 2018, at 7:08 PM, Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Lynne,

We have to make changes to the Hospital Appeal Board appointment approval form – CLIFF 546747

The urgent change is that the appointment of Cheryl Lynn Vickers expires on March 1st 2018 and should be reappointed for 1 year instead of the recommended 3 years.

I know this is as last minute as it gets so please let me know what other steps I need to complete to ensure that there is not a gap in appointment.

The second change is that the appointment of Charles Frederick Riley should allowed to expire on May 31st 2018.

Thanks very much

George Smith

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Smith, George AG:EX

From: Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 1:47 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: RE: IN ICBC Minimum Capital Test Suspended

George: I assume that Doug has informed you that the MCTs in Saskatchewan and Manitoba are both 100%. Thanks.

From: Smith, George AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 12:40 PM
To: Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: IN ICBC Minimum Capital Test Suspended

Could you please confirm that Manitoba and Saskatchewan both have lower basic minimum capital tests?

From: Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:29 AM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: IN ICBC Minimum Capital Test Suspended

For MDE in advance of interview with Justine Hunter.

Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 5:41 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: RE: For approval: ICBC distracted driving NR quote

Edited quote: "Distracted driving endangers the lives of British Columbians with devastating effects for families and communities. It also puts significant pressure on insurance rates. Improving road safety is key to creating a sustainable auto insurance system with more affordable rates for B.C. families. We must see cultural shift that sees distracted drivers put down their cell phones and drive."

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Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 5:22 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: FW: For approval: ICBC distracted driving NR quote

From: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 5:22 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX; Godfrey, Sam AG:EX; Milne, Gala AG:EX
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- Emcee is Mark Milner, ICBC road safety program manager.
- After the speakers, there will be a photo op as Burnaby RCMP conduct enforcement on surrounding streets.

Thanks,

Tiffany
250 858-4680

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Not for me, thanks.
D.

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To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: RE: letter to opposition leaders

Approved.
D.

From: Smith, George AG:EX
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 4:35 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: FW: letter to opposition leaders

Can you please review this draft?

ADDRESSEE: Leaders of the Opposition

I am taking this opportunity to write to you to advise you regarding arrangements involving the services of the Office of Legislative Counsel (OLC) to non-government members.

This is in follow up to correspondence in October in which OLC's services were offered on a trial basis but only with respect to the drafting of House Amendments. At this time I am able to confirm that OLC will draft, at the request of a non-government party, not only House Amendments, but also Private Members Bills which the non-government party wishes to introduce.

Once again, this drafting service will be offered on a trial basis as it will be necessary for OLC to assess available drafting capacity relative to any demand for these services. OLC will designate a Deputy Chief Legislative Counsel for Members' Drafting, who, with a team of two other drafters, will handle all private members' drafting projects. The Deputy Chief (Dawn Leroy) should be contacted to initiate any drafting projects or if there are any questions.

As in my previous letter, OLC does not provide policy analysis or solicitor advice. While OLC will identify the existence of possible constitutional issues they cannot provide specialized constitutional advice. Any non-government party instructions (and the resulting drafts) will be held in strict confidence. Questions (and requests for drafting services) can be directed to Chief Legislative Counsel, Corinne Swystun (or Kevin Kohan).

Sincerely,

David Eby QC
Attorney General

Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 3:30 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: Re: ICBC media enquiry: 2017 ICBC claims data

Approved

On Feb 23, 2018, at 3:25 PM, Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Please take a look at what ICBC is looking to send to the Globe.

From: Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 2:33 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: FW: ICBC media enquiry: 2017 ICBC claims data

These are updated stats. They do support our argument around the need to manage crashes and their consequences down, but not the AG will be familiar with these numbers . We will request an IN from ICBC on updated stats.

Don't want to hold up the response to media more than necessary.

From: Grossman, Adam [<mailto:Adam.Grossman@icbc.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 23, 2018 1:43 PM
To: Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX; Bianco, Catherine GCPE:EX
Cc: Henderson, Doug
Subject: ICBC media enquiry: 2017 ICBC claims data

Hi Shawn and Catherine,

Here is the Globe and Mail enquiry we mentioned this morning (see below) and the new 2017 claims data we intend to share in response:

- While our 2017 crash data has yet to fully settle, our current indications are this increased crash trend has continued – **current projections are for 330,000 crashes or more in 2017.**
- A total of **76,700 injury claims** were reported to ICBC in 2017 – an increase of 22% since 2014
- A total of **251,300 vehicle damage claims** were reported to ICBC in 2017 – an increase of 20% since 2014.
- ICBC's **bodily injury claims costs** for 2017 totalled **\$3 billion** – an increase of 40% since 2014, or doubled since 2009.
- ICBC's **vehicle damage costs** for 2017 totalled **\$1.7 billion** – an increase of 47% since 2014.

Let me know if you have any concerns,

Adam

From: Keller, James [<mailto:JKeller@globeandmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2018 1:52 PM

To: Grossman, Adam <Adam.Grossman@icbc.com>

Subject: Globe and Mail request for ICBC data

Hi Adam,

We're hoping to get some data from ICBC for a piece we're working on about trends facing the corporation. Essentially, we're hoping to put together a detailed look at the trends that have been affecting B.C. on the claims side and what that tells us about what's happening with B.C. drivers.

I know there are some on the government's open data site, but it's fairly limited (and only current to 2015). We're hoping ICBC might be able to pull some numbers together for us, if they don't exist somewhere already.

The [open data site](#) has these. Most have data to 2015, though some have different timeframes. Does ICBC have data for subsequent years, 2016 and 2017?

- [Motor Vehicle Serious Injuries by Region](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Fatalities by Region](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Serious Injuries by Road User Type](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Fatalities with Distraction Involvement](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Serious Injuries with Distraction Involvement](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Serious Injuries with Speeding Involvement](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Fatalities with Speeding Involvement](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Serious Injuries with Alcohol and/or Drug Involvement](#)
- [Motor Vehicle Fatalities with Alcohol and/or Drug Involvement](#)
- [Alcohol Driving Prohibitions](#)
- [Vehicle Impoundments](#)

The [Ernst & Young report](#) released last year has some charts with data we're interested in, but the report doesn't list the raw figures. Can ICBC provide the raw data, as well as updated to 2016 and 2017, where applicable?

- Chart 2b: Number of high-value vehicles (pg 10)
- Chart 3: Increase in Crashes and Bodily injury Claim Counts (pg 11)
- Chart 4a: Average severity of bodily injury claims (pg 12)
- Chart 4b: Average pain and suffering (pg 13)
- Chart 5: Total cost of minor injury and non-minor injury claims closed (pg 14)
- Chart 23: Minor injuries: composition of claim payments (pg 76)
- Chart: 24: Non-minor injuries: composition of claim payments (pg 76)
- Chart 25: Total Cost of Minor Injury and Non-Minor Injury Claims Closed (pg 77)

And beyond those sources that are already published in some form, can ICBC provide us with data for these indicators?

- Filed claims vs paid claims – number and dollar amount (i.e. comparison of what is claimed vs what ICBC ultimately ends up paying)
- Claims paid for vehicle repair/replacement: number of claims, overall dollar figure, and average per-claim cost
- Claims paid for property repair/replacement (i.e. if someone drives into a hydro pole, house, etc): number of claims, overall dollar figure, and average per-claim cost
- Comparison of "high-value car": number of claims per year, overall costs, and average costs
- Cases per year where claimants hire legal representation, vs those who do not

- Any data that shows how the legal representation affects claims, so comparing those two groups (with lawyers and not) based on overall claims cost to UBC, average size of claim, average length for a claim to be paid out; for cases where claimants retain a lawyer, the proportion of those cases that are settled quickly, result in a lawsuit being filed, and actually go to trial/judgment

Let me know what you think and what it will take to get these.

Thanks a lot, in advance,
James

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Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 5:20 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: RE: Wilkinson on ICBC-see bottom

Can you please put this in my QP binder.
D.

From: Smith, George AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: FW: Wilkinson on ICBC-see bottom

From: Kristianson, Eric GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 21, 2018 1:17 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Cc: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX
Subject: Wilkinson on ICBC-see bottom

CKNW, 21-Feb-2018



Wilkinson - budget review

By CKNW Jon McComb

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Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:53 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: RE: Media requests CKNW

My instincts were 50% right.

From: Smith, George AG:EX
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:53 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: RE: Media requests CKNW

Ok. PO has just notified us all that no one should be booking interviews tomorrow aside from MCJ & PJH.

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:49 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: RE: Media requests CKNW

Not interested in talking about the budget before the budget is out. Otherwise, glad to talk. Open to any time that doesn't interfere with existing obligations.

From: Smith, George AG:EX
Sent: Monday, February 19, 2018 4:45 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: Media requests CKNW

What time would work best for you?

- CKNW – Housing and money laundering interview

Reporter
John McComb
CKNW AM 980
Pippa.Reed@cknw.com
778-233-7541

Deadline Monday, February 19, 2018 5:00 PM

Request

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Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Sunday, February 18, 2018 2:24 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: Re: CBC Early Edition

Ya

On Feb 18, 2018, at 12:45 PM, Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Here is there proposal. Ok with you?

-George

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX" <Shawn.1.Robins@gov.bc.ca>
Date: February 18, 2018 at 12:33:52 PM PST
To: "Smith, George AG:EX" <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX" <Tiffany.Nelson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CBC Early Edition

Okay here is the plan. Minister to call in for a taped interview at 6:58 AM tomorrow.
Taped interview for broadcast at 8:10. Call in number 604-662-7157. Back up number
604-669-3733. Topic money laundering. Let me know if there is a problem otherwise it
is a go. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018 10:12 AM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Sam AG:EX
Subject: RE: Statement media hits

Yes until Monday.
D.

From: Smith, George AG:EX
Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Cc: Godfrey, Sam AG:EX
Subject: Statement media hits

The statement got significant pickup including the below articles and several radio segments.

We are continuing to get media requests - latest from CTV for a standup - but I still think we should let the statement stand.

Thoughts?

Report linking drug money and BC real estate 'deeply troubling': David Eby
Globalnews.ca

Reports of money laundering in BC real estate 'troubling': attorney general -
National Post, Times Colonist (CP wire)

BC to investigate how fentanyl dealers' money is allegedly laundered through
real estate
CBC.ca

Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 4:49 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: RE: Draft statement

Edits.

From: Smith, George AG:EX
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 4:36 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: RE: Draft statement

Eric just rightly pointed out that should update to include the fentanyl angle of the story. Updated below

From: Smith, George AG:EX
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 4:33 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: Draft statement

Please review draft. I'm also sending it to Finance to ensure they are ok with us taking the lead here.

"Recent media reports of money laundering through real estate in B.C., including today's Globe and Mail story, are very serious and deeply troubling. The nature of these allegations, that this money laundering activity is actively influencing our real estate market and is connected to the sale of life-destroying fentanyl, underline the critical importance of addressing money laundering urgently and not ignoring it. This story confirms our government's commitment to taking action to crack down on money laundering and criminal activity in B.C."

Shortly after assuming responsibility for gambling policy in B.C., I hired Peter German to conduct an independent and thorough review of British Columbia's anti-money-laundering policies and practices in relation to B.C. casinos. As part of his review, Dr. German is to explore what connection, if any, the issue has with other sectors of B.C.'s economy. This may include areas such as real estate or tax policy.

I will work closely with Finance Minister Carole James to determine the scope of this issue and what must be done to appropriately address it, and to ensure our investigation into money laundering in BC casinos is informed by these disturbing revelations."

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Smith, George AG:EX

From: Milne, Gala AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:55 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX; Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX
Cc: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: KMs re: wine dispute

Not through me. Interesting that the IN came from Finance. Any chance we can see the IN?

Shawn are you in communication with the GCPE shops in Agriculture and JTT? I feel like some communication lines are down as our office has not been looped in to recent decisions.

Gala

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To: Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX
Cc: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX; Milne, Gala AG:EX
Subject: RE: KMs re: wine dispute

I believe not.

From: Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:46 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Cc: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: KMs re: wine dispute

George: FYI we were not consulted on this, were you?

From: McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:43 PM
To: Perzoff, Lara GCPE:EX; Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX; Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: KMs re: wine dispute

Here's the IN that GCPE/Finance drafted on Friday for the weekend's ad.

From: Perzoff, Lara GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 1:42 PM
To: Robins, Shawn GCPE:EX; Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX; McRae, Meghan GCPE:EX; Boelens, Robert GCPE:EX
Cc: Cotton, Brian GCPE:EX; Crebo, David GCPE:EX
Subject: KMs re: wine dispute
Importance: High

Hi Shawn, Tiffany, Meghan and Robert—

Are you able to please share your latest KMs re: the BC and Alberta wine dispute?

Brian and David—we have yours unless anything has changed since this morning.

Our ED and ADM are on a call about this now and we'd like to ensure we have the latest KMs on file.

Thank you,

Lara

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Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: Re: Briefing document - TLABC Issues summary - caucus

That is great, thanks.

On Feb 7, 2018, at 3:44 PM, Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

When you have another opportunity, please review my edits of the caucus support document.

Thanks

<Briefing document - TLABC Issues summary - caucus.docx>

Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 9:26 AM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: Re: As requested - briefing document for caucus

The latter as a good start.

On Feb 6, 2018, at 5:56 PM, Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Is this something you'd like Ian Akenhead to advise on?
Or should I just update it to highlight your comments from caucus / TLABC phone call and send back to you?

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2018 5:53 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: Re: As requested - briefing document for caucus

Needs work.

On Feb 2, 2018, at 3:16 PM, Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Please take a look and let me know what other materials we should prepare.

From: Groot, Jeff AG:EX
Sent: Friday, February 2, 2018 1:04 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Cc: Scott, Douglas S AG:EX; Pearson, Barbera JAG:EX; Groot, Jeff AG:EX; Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Subject: As requested - briefing document for caucus

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Please let me know if you need anything further.

JG

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Smith, George AG:EX

From: Eby, David AG:EX
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 5:01 PM
To: Smith, George AG:EX
Subject: Re: Media requests as of 2:46 p.m.

Yes

On Feb 5, 2018, at 4:52 PM, Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

These background statements are pretty straightforward.
Ok to send?

From: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 2:47 PM
To: Milne, Gala AG:EX; Godfrey, Sam AG:EX; Smith, George AG:EX
Cc: Nelson, Tiffany GCPE:EX
Subject: Media requests as of 2:46 p.m.

3 requests:

- **Globe and Mail – Electoral reform**
- **Telegraph Journal – B.C. sheriffs and firearms**
- **Vancouver Sun = Prison sentences and restitution**

Reporter

Ian Bailey, Reporter
Globe and Mail - BC Bureau
ibailey@globeandmail.com
604-631-6652 c: 604-340-8744

Deadline Monday, February 5, 2018 3:30 PM

Request

The reporter would like to know when the AG and Ministry of Attorney General will be ready to disclose electoral reform campaign funding rules and what type of question will be on the referendum ballot.

Recommendation – Provide background

“The public engagement closes Feb. 28, 2018, after which results will inform a report prepared by the Attorney General, which will be posted publicly before being presented to cabinet. The regulations will then be completed after final direction is received from Cabinet later this spring, and will contain detailed rules for the referendum, including referendum date, campaign rules and ballot questions(s), which the Attorney General will announce.”

Reporter

Michael Landry, Reporter
Telegraph Journal

Deadline ASAP

Request

The reporter is working on a story about the recent deployment of firearms to New Brunswick sheriff's officers. The reporter would like to know if B.C. sheriff's officers carry firearms?

Background – CSB can confirm that sheriff officers are armed. There are times where they do not carry firearms, such as in the cell block. For security reasons, these instances are not disclosed.

Recommendation – Provide background

- **Yes, B.C. Sheriff officers are armed with firearms.**

Reporter

Gordon Hoekstra, Reporter

Vancouver Sun

ghoekstra@postmedia.com

604-605-2132 c: 604-329-2381

Deadline ASAP

Request

The reporter is working on a story about a convicted financial fraudster.

There are two convictions: one in 1998 and another in 2001. Each conviction was 2 years less a day.

The reporter is asking 2 things:

1. Can we verify that the restitution/fine from a known conviction was paid, and if yes, where it was paid?
2. Is it correct that the public cannot know whether someone convicted of a crime has served their sentence or how much of their sentence they served? If so, why?

Background

CSB can answer #1 if it relates to a fine, but not if it's a case of restitution. For #2, Corrections Branch (PSSG) has jurisdiction on the administration of sentences and should provide that portion of the response.

Recommendation – provide background

Can the ministry verify that the restitution/fine from a known conviction was paid, and if yes, where it was paid?

- **Court Services Branch (CSB) can only advise what the court imposed as sentence, and that depends on whether the associated disposition is restitution or a fine.**
- **Restitution is payable in most cases directly to a named recipient and if it is unpaid, the recipient can file a copy of the restitution order as a judgment in civil court. CSB cannot advise whether it is paid as the funds do not come through the court.**
- **If it is a fine, the funds are collected by CSB and we keep a record of the payment showing disposition is complete.**

Is it correct that the public cannot know whether someone convicted of a crime has served their sentence or how much of their sentence they served? If so, why?

- **PSSG has already informed the reporter that they cannot confirm if an individual is or has been in BC Corrections' custody for security reasons.**