

From: [Eby, David AG:EX](#)
To: [Smith, George AG:EX](#)
Cc: [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#); [Harder, Derrick AG:EX](#); [Scott, Samantha LBR:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Media requests as of 1:15 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:46:13 PM

Yes. This needs to be augmented with that and some of the facts we just sent to caucus, and/or highlights from Ontario report.

On Feb 5, 2019, at 1:26 PM, Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Please see below for approval. But I think we also need a quote, something along the lines of :

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From: Butler, Liam GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Milne, Gala AG:EX <Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca>; Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Harder, Derrick AG:EX <Derrick.Harder@gov.bc.ca>; Scott, Samantha AG:EX <Samantha.Scott@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Fellingner, Nicole GCPE:EX <Nicole.Fellinger@gov.bc.ca>; Duffus, Robert GCPE:EX <Robert.Duffus@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Media requests as of 1:15 p.m.

1 request:

- **The Orca – Choice of auto-insurance**

Reporter

Maclean Kay, Editor

The Orca

editor@theorca.ca

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Deadline ASAP

Request

The Orca published a story this morning on how a majority of British Columbians support the introduction of choice in auto insurance. The story can be found here: <https://theorca.ca/resident-pod/british-columbians-want-auto-insurance-choice-regardless-who-they-vote-for/>.

The reporter would like to know if the ministry or the Attorney General is considering introducing choice under any consideration?

Recommendation – Provide background

- Although ICBC has been experiencing well-publicized financial challenges, it remains a valuable public asset that provides important benefits for British Columbians and we have no plans to privatize it.
- The survey does not point out the full implications of this decision. Unlike ICBC -- which ensures all British Columbians have access to minimum amount of insurance and insurance benefits -- private insurers can choose who they will or won't cover. They can deny coverage based on age, sex or marital status.
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- With respect to the survey results, it's important to clarify that British Columbians already have choice in where they purchase auto insurance. They can choose to purchase optional coverage from a variety of private auto insurers who already operate in B.C.
- The fact that approximately 80 per cent of BC drivers choose to purchase their full auto coverage (basic and optional) from ICBC, shows ICBC is providing products British Columbians want at competitive prices.
- Readers should also view the survey results with a critical eye and consider the sample size and the way questions were presented.

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- Simply making a change to a private insurance model would not solve these issues faced here in B.C. from a rising number of crashes, claims and increasing costs.
- Instead, this government is making the biggest reforms to B.C. auto insurance in decades – focusing on a care-based system which makes taking care of people injured in a crash the top priority, with more money for the treatments and support they need to get better and less spent on legal costs – all resulting in projected net savings of approximately \$1 billion annually.
- Government and ICBC are also modernizing ICBC's insurance system to ensure all drivers pay premiums which more accurately reflect the risk they represent on the road.

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To: [Eby, David AG:EX](#)
Cc: [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#); [Harder, Derrick AG:EX](#); [Scott, Samantha LBR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media requests as of 2:20 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:49:19 PM

Understood

From: Eby, David AG:EX
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Cc: Milne, Gala AG:EX ; Harder, Derrick AG:EX ; Scott, Samantha AG:EX
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Disagree with approach for Mackin. Please get him statement from pssg confirming we will be implementing these changes.

On Feb 5, 2019, at 2:42 PM, Smith, George AG:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Please see 2 requests below.

I am suggesting a quote from you added to response for the Orca: **s.13**

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2 requests:

- **The Breaker – Whistleblower protection**
- **The Orca – Choice of auto-insurance**

Reporter

Bob Mackin, Reporter
Freelancer
bob@thebreaker.news
604-982-9130 c: **s.22**

Deadline **ASAP**

Request

The reporter would like to know:

- 1) Does the Attorney General has any comment on today's open letter by the Information and Privacy Commissioner calling on the Legislative Assembly to come under the Freedom on Information and Protection of Privacy Act and whistle blower protection law?
- 2) Will the Duty to Document law and fines for breaking the FOI law, that were promised in the 2017 NDP campaign, be introduced during the upcoming session?

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Cc: [Milne, Gala ENV:EX](#); [Harder, Derrick AG:EX](#); [Scott, Samantha LBR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media requests - the Orca
Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:57:58 PM

Updated Orca response for approval:

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Recommendation – Provide background and quote from AG

Statement:

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Background:

- Although ICBC has been experiencing well-publicized financial challenges, it remains a valuable public asset that provides important benefits for British Columbians and we have no plans to privatize it.
- In Ontario, where insurance is privatized, drivers just saw their highest rate increase in 8 years, and New Brunswick insurers applied for the largest increase in 16 years.
- These same rate increases aren't happening with public auto insurance in Manitoba, Quebec, and Sask. – who aren't dealing the years of government mismanagement.

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From: [Eby, David AG:EX](#)
To: [Harder, Derrick AG:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media requests as of 3:36 p.m.
Date: Thursday, March 21, 2019 3:54:00 PM

Sent you CBC radio edits under separate cover.
I need an update on Shredwise please call me.
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From: Harder, Derrick AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 3:38 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Cc: Smith, George AG:EX ; Scott, Samantha AG:EX
Subject: Fwd: Media requests as of 3:36 p.m.
statement for approval re ICBC
And for Shredwise, do you want us to draft statement reflecting our mtg and the advice provided?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Butler, Liam GCPE:EX" <Liam.Butler@gov.bc.ca>
Date: March 21, 2019 at 3:36:32 PM PDT
To: "Smith, George AG:EX" <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>, "Milne, Gala AG:EX" <Gala.Milne@gov.bc.ca>, "Harder, Derrick AG:EX" <Derrick.Harder@gov.bc.ca>, "Scott, Samantha AG:EX" <Samantha.Scott@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Fellinger, Nicole GCPE:EX" <Nicole.Fellinger@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Media requests as of 3:36 p.m.

2 requests:

- **CBC Radio Canada – IBC report statement**
- **News 1130 – Casino card disposal – How would you like us to proceed?**

Reporter

Timothe Matte-bergeron, Reporter
CBC Radio Canada
timothe.matte-bergeron@radio-canada.ca
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Deadline Thursday, March 21, 2019 4:00 PM

Request

The reporter would like a statement from the AG on the IBC report.

Recommendation – Provide statement from AG

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Reporter

Lauren Boothby, Producer

News 1130

lauren.boothby@rci.rogers.com

604-877-4400 c: s.22

Deadline Friday, March 22, 2019 2:30 PM

Request

News 1130 has learned that Minister Eby met with the White Rock shredding company ShredWise whistleblower to discuss the unshredded casino cards and possibly more. They would like to know:

- 1) Can you confirm this?
- 2) What was discussed and when? Are there further meetings or action planned?

News 1130 would like to schedule a pre-taped radio interview with Minister Eby

if significant action is on its way.

Background

This is a follow-up to a media request from March 8, 2019.

REQUEST:

News 1130 wants a comment from the AG on the information BCLC provided about destroying playing cards. Reporter noted to Liam that the liberal critic would be commenting, so it'd be a "good idea" for the AG to respond.

Information provided to Liam is below red line for background:

RESPONSE:

Provided Background

- We are concerned by these allegations and look forward to hearing what BCLC learns in their investigation

Recommendation

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Please call me to update me on shred wise.

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Timothe Matte-bergeron, Reporter

CBC Radio Canada

timothe.matte-bergeron@radio-canada.ca

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