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Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 9:45 AM
To: Richter, Connie AG:EX; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
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Thanks,
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LT Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Strachan

Re: RCMP Investigation re Jinny SIMS, MLA

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Sincerely,

Richard J. M. Fyfe, QC

Deputy Attorney General

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Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 10:11 AM
To: Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Subject: FW: Letter to Deputy Commissioner
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From: Harder, Derrick AG:EX
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To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX <Richard.Fyfe@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Smith, Jessica C AG:EX <Jessica.C.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Letter to Deputy Commissioner

See attached; was copied to the AG. Following up on QP today.

From: Minister, AG AG:EX
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Cc: Minister, AG AG:EX <AG.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Letter to Deputy Commissioner

Good Afternoon,

Please see attached letter.

Thanks,

Marissa Olson
Operations Coordinator
MLA Andrew Wilkinson, Leader of the Official Opposition
MLA Mary Polak, Opposition House Leader
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October 7th, 2019

Deputy Commissioner Jennifer Strachan
RCMP "E" Division
14200 Green Timbers Way
Surrey, B.C. V3T 6P3

RE: Investigation of Jinny Sims, MLA

Dear Deputy Commissioner,

I write with urgent concern regarding the ongoing RCMP investigation of the MLA for Surrey- Panorama, Jinny Sims. In Question Period on October 7th, 2019, it became apparent that few if any steps have been taken to preserve electronic and other evidence in this matter. In further questions outside the Legislative Chamber, Jinny Sims stated that she still has the government issued iPad and mobile phone that will contain evidence essential to this investigation.

You may be aware that an urgent meeting of the NDP political staff was convened at 4:30pm on October 4th, 2019. This meeting took place 45 minutes before the Office of the Premier announced Ms. Sims had resigned as a member of cabinet and was subject to a criminal investigation of wrongdoing. This advance notice to staff raises concern regarding preservation of evidence controlled by roughly 70 political staff who have unique access to the relevant electronic evidence.

These concerns were put to the Attorney General in Question Period today, specifically to determine whether the Attorney had explicitly directed all staff, Ministers and MLAs to preserve documents. The Attorney stated that the NDP government would respond to any data requests from the police and Special Prosecutor.

The preservation of evidence is fundamental to a successful criminal investigation. The MLA for Surrey-Panorama, Ministers and political staff have had no guidance to preserve evidence for this ongoing RCMP investigation.

We urge your office to take the necessary steps to direct government staff that all relevant electronic and other evidence be preserved, as it is apparent that the Attorney General and the current elected government officials have taken no real steps to do so.

Respectfully,

Spencer Sproule
Chief of Staff
Official Opposition

cc: Hon. David Eby, Attorney General of British Columbia

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To: Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
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Hi Maya
Derrick asked if we could send him a copy of the letter.

Richard J.M. Fyfe QC
Deputy Attorney General
Ministry of Attorney General
Tel. (250) 356-0149

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Subject: Confidential - Letter to Deputy Commissioner Strachan
Attachments: DAG Ltr. to Deputy Commissioner J. Strachan (8Oct19).pdf

Good afternoon, Derrick

Please see the attached correspondence sent this morning to Deputy Commissioner Strachan. Thank you.

Best Regards,
Maya Engelbrecht
Senior Executive Assistant
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Thank you

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On Oct 8, 2019, at 1:20 PM, Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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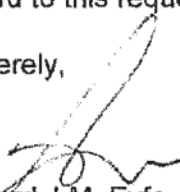
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