

Ussery, Camas AG:EX

From: Harder, Derrick AG:EX
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 3:45 PM
To: Azam, Salman AG:EX; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Cc: Smith, Jessica C AG:EX
Subject: FW: As requested.
Attachments: Scan_20190913.pdf

This should have come to you both by email this afternoon, but see attached for what we received. If there is anything surprising/unanticipated here, please let us know. s:12
Thanks. To discuss next week

From: Minister, AG AG:EX
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 3:34 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Cc: Harder, Derrick AG:EX
Subject: As requested.

Ussery, Camas AG:EX

From: Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 4:13 PM
To: Normand, Nicole AG:EX; Croteau, Caitlin AG:EX
Cc: Harder, Derrick AG:EX; Smith, Jessica C AG:EX; Pinette, Celia AG:EX; Bernard, Tabitha AG:EX; Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX
Subject: FW: Ministry Spending Directive and Targets

Good afternoon,

Please note the message below. Kindly provide to the Minister for his information. I've also copied Tim for his information at the Deputy's request.

Thank you.

-M

From: Deputy Minister Communication AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:53 PM
To: 'All Staff- Attorney General and Public Safety and Solicitor General'
Subject: Ministry Spending Directive and Targets



Sept. 26, 2019

Dear colleagues,

In response to a government-wide directive from Treasury Board, our ministries are taking actions to reduce discretionary spending through the immediate implementation of spending restrictions. As you may know, government has been under spending restrictions for several years and the additional actions that we are taking today are to ensure that funding is invested in the priorities that matter for people and maintain strong fiscal management, debt affordability, and balanced budgets.

What does this mean?

Effective immediately, all hiring must have Deputy Minister approval. This includes hiring for positions that are currently in the recruitment process. For competitions underway, unless a written offer has been given, Deputy Minister approval must be reconfirmed and no offers given until Deputy Minister approval is received. All positions which previously received blanket approval on their bulk hiring will now be reviewed by the appropriate Deputy Minister. The exception to this will be essential operations staff such as sheriffs, correctional officers, probation officers and prosecutors.

Only essential travel should be considered and any travel whether in province or out of province, which is not litigation-related or essential for a statutory obligation or fully reimbursed, will require pre-approval by the Deputy Minister.

Discretionary spending, including new contracts, is now on hold. Only essential expenditures should be considered and these should be pre-approved by your Deputy Minister. Essential expenditures approved by branches and divisions will be monitored by the Corporate Management Services Branch on behalf of the joint executive team.

The approval process for other discretionary expenditures is also being reviewed and targets will be developed through our corporate governance committees. More information on this to come.

For more information

The hiring approval process will be communicated through executive next week. In the meantime, please speak with your ADM if you have any questions.

The AG and PSSG joint executive team recognizes the challenges that can come with these constraints. We want to thank you for your commitment and ongoing dedication to serving the citizens of B.C.

Sincerely,

Richard J.M. Fyfe, QC
Deputy Attorney General

Elenore Arend
Acting Deputy Solicitor
General

Lori Halls
Deputy Minister, EMBC

(This message may also be viewed on the AG/PSSG corporate Intranet.)

Ussery, Camas AG:EX

From: Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Normand, Nicole AG:EX; Croteau, Caitlin AG:EX
Cc: Harder, Derrick AG:EX; Smith, Jessica C AG:EX; Pinette, Celia AG:EX; Bernard, Tabitha AG:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX
Subject: TB Submission - s.12
Attachments: s.12

Good afternoon,

Attached for the Minister's review and consideration is the TB submission re. s.12. I've attached a PDF copy along with the word versions.

s.12; s.13

Briefing scheduled: Monday October 7 from 3:30-4 pm with DAG, ADM Azam and David Hoadley

Best Regards,
Maya Engelbrecht
Senior Executive Assistant
Deputy Attorney General's Office, Ministry of Attorney General
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Victoria, BC V8W 9J7
Phone: 778-974-3796

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Ussery, Camas AG:EX

From: Smith, Jessica C AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 2:30 PM
To: Eby, David AG:EX
Subject: FW: Revised Savings Submission
Attachments: s.12

From: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Sent: October 8, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Normand, Nicole AG:EX
Cc: Harder, Derrick AG:EX ; Smith, Jessica C AG:EX ; Pinette, Celia AG:EX ; Croteau, Caitlin AG:EX ; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Subject: Revised Savings Submission

Good afternoon, Nicole.

The attached is for their discussion at 3PM today.

The DAG, ADM Azam and David Hoadley will be attending in your office.

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s.12; s.13

AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 8:18 AM
To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX
Subject: Fwd: Concept Outline - PIDA Inaugural

Just letting you know Jay has been advised that we cannot contribute funding to "PIDA day", given our branch and ministry pressures.

Kurt.

Kurt J.W. Sandstrom, QC

Assistant Deputy Minister
Ministry of Attorney General, Justice Services
Government of British Columbia
8th Floor, 1001 Douglas Street
PO Box 9222, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9J7
Phone: (778) 974-3677
Email: Kurt.Sandstrom@gov.bc.ca

Assistance with scheduling: Contact Courtney Fast at 778-974-3698 or at Courtney.Fast@gov.bc.ca
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Williams, Julie AG:EX" <Julie.Williams@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 3, 2019 at 2:41:48 PM PDT
To: "Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX" <Kurt.Sandstrom@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Stirling, Alexander AG:EX" <Alexander.Stirling@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Concept Outline - PIDA Inaugural

Kurt FYI – PSA's response to Ombudspersons's request for funding for PIDA
J

From: Bronee, Rueben PSA:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 3, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Greschner, John OMBD:EX <JGreschner@bcombudsperson.ca>
Cc: Phillips, Lisa OMBD:EX <LPhillips@bcombudsperson.ca>; Rice, Colleen A PSA:EX <Colleen.Rice@gov.bc.ca>; Williams, Julie AG:EX <Julie.Williams@gov.bc.ca>; Atcheson, Kevin PSEC:EX <Kevin.Atcheson@gov.bc.ca>; Stirling, Alexander AG:EX <Alexander.Stirling@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Concept Outline - PIDA Inaugural

Hi John.

Thanks for sharing this concept for PIDA day. We've consulted with our colleagues at PSEC and Justices Services Branch and neither they nor the PSA are able to contribute to covering the costs of the event given our respective other budget priorities.

Also, I shared this with Okenge and he advised that he will respectfully decline the opportunity to be a presenter/speaker. As you know, our priority for comms through November will be to focus on our internal audience rather than the broader audience you envision for this event.

Thanks.

Rueben Bronee

Executive Lead

Policy, Innovation and Engagement

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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Lang, Kimberley FIN:EX on behalf of Ma, Tiffany J FIN:EX
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 2:16 PM
To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Cc: Azam, Salman AG:EX; Belanger, Hugo FIN:EX
Subject: AG - Signed Decision Letter
Attachments: AG Target Letter - Expenditure Management DL signed.pdf; 0
TB_Savings_Targets_Template_Sept2019.docx

Please find attached a signed Expenditure Management Savings Target letter from the Chair of Treasury Board.

A hard copy has been sent to your Minister's office.

Treasury Board Staff

AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Saturday, September 14, 2019 7:52 PM
To: Azam, Salman AG:EX; Hoadley, David AG:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Subject: Budget

I was just speaking to Derrick and he is hoping to arrange a budget meeting on Wednesday when the minister is in Victoria to discuss the plans for 2019/20 as well as 4 2020/21.

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

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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Hoadley, David AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:52 PM
To: Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX; Harvey, James AG:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A AG:EX; Juk, Peter A AG:EX; Bailey, Ian D AG:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue LCRB:EX; MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX; Scott, Douglas S AG:EX
Cc: Azam, Salman AG:EX; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Grills, Sean C AG:EX; Plater, Aaron N AG:EX; Pollner, Kyle AG:EX; Manton, Jenny D AG:EX; Anderson, Brian E AG:EX; Rutherford, Derek AG:EX; Bentley, Cheryl A LCRB:EX; Truong, My Anh GPEB:EX; Cairns, Holly AG:EX; Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX; Chen-Mack, Betty AG:EX; Webb, Sandy J AG:EX; Munro, Charmaine AG:EX
Subject: Expenditure Management 2019/20 Target - Letter from Chair of TB
Attachments: AG Target Letter - Expenditure Management DL signed.pdf; 0 TB_Savings_Targets_Template_Sept2019.docx; MAG EFR Aug 9, 2019.pdf
Importance: High
Sensitivity: Confidential

AG Executive,
s.12; s.13

Thanks,

From: Azam, Salman AG:EX
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Hoadley, David AG:EX ; Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX ; Blakesley, Nicki AG:EX
Subject: Fwd: AG - Signed Decision Letter

We will need to communicate this out to AG ADMs at the next joint executive.

David I'd like to discuss further prior to communicating. Nicki can you schedule a call for David, Caryn and I please.

S

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ma, Tiffany J FIN:EX" <Tiffany.Ma@gov.bc.ca>

Date: September 13, 2019 at 2:15:51 PM PDT

To: "Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX" <Richard.Fyfe@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Azam, Salman AG:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, "Belanger, Hugo FIN:EX" <Hugo.Belanger@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: AG - Signed Decision Letter

Please find attached a signed Expenditure Management Savings Target letter from the Chair of Treasury Board.

A hard copy has been sent to your Minister's office.

Treasury Board Staff

AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Azam, Salman AG:EX
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX; Arend, Elenore PSSG:EX
Subject: Fwd: Message re: Ministry Spending Directives (Lori Wannamaker)
Attachments: DM Message - Ministry Spending Restrictions; ATT00001.htm

FYI. This went out to the ministry of finance putting controls on hiring. I'd ask the deputies to take a look and please provide me your feedback on adopting a similar message for the sector.

S

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Webb, Sandy J AG:EX" <Sandy.Webb@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 23, 2019 at 11:12:35 AM PDT
To: "Azam, Salman AG:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, "Hoadley, David AG:EX" <David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca>, "Munro, Charmaine AG:EX" <Charmaine.Munro@gov.bc.ca>, "Chen-Mack, Betty AG:EX" <Betty.ChenMack@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Blakesley, Nicki AG:EX" <Nicki.Blakesley@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Message re: Ministry Spending Directives (Lori Wannamaker)

FYI

AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Arend, Elenore PSSG:EX
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 12:11 PM
To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Azam, Salman AG:EX
Cc: Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX; Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: Message re: Ministry Spending Directives (Lori Wannamaker)
Attachments: Spending Directive.docx

I suggested a couple of edits in the attached.

From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 11:43 AM
To: Azam, Salman AG:EX
Cc: Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX ; Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX ; Arend, Elenore PSSG:EX
Subject: Re: Message re: Ministry Spending Directives (Lori Wannamaker)

My suggestion:

"

Dear Colleagues,

s.13

Deputy Attorney General
Ministry of Attorney General
Tel. (250) 356-0149

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On Sep 23, 2019, at 11:19 AM, Azam, Salman AG:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Date: September 23, 2019 at 11:12:35 AM PDT
To: "Azam, Salman AG:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, "Hoadley, David AG:EX" <David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca>, "Munro, Charmaine AG:EX" <Charmaine.Munro@gov.bc.ca>, "Chen-Mack, Betty AG:EX" <Betty.ChenMack@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Blakesley, Nicki AG:EX" <Nicki.Blakesley@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 3:19 PM
To: Harvey, James AG:EX
Cc: Richter, Connie AG:EX; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A AG:EX; Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX
Subject: Re: Memo - DAG to DMs - Legislation Impacting Administration of Justice_Marc....pdf

Great. With the recent budget discussions it seems timely to provide an updated reminder regarding courts.

Richard J.M. Fyfe QC
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> On Sep 23, 2019, at 3:12 PM, Harvey, James AG:EX <James.Harvey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:
>
> Hi Richard - yes happy to assist.
>
> I think that Kurt's team may be responsible for the Memorandum (unless Lynda tells me otherwise). So I have copied Kurt here.
>
> James.
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>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
> Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 2:22 PM
> To: Richter, Connie AG:EX <Connie.Richter@gov.bc.ca>; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX <Maya.Engelbrecht@gov.bc.ca>
> Cc: Harvey, James AG:EX <James.Harvey@gov.bc.ca>; Cavanaugh, Lynda A AG:EX <Lynda.Cavanaugh@gov.bc.ca>
> Subject: Memo - DAG to DMs - Legislation Impacting Administration of Justice_Marc....pdf
>
> There have been a number of changes, is it possible to prepare an updated version of this memo to circulate to all DMs?
> Thanks,
> RF
>

AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Azam, Salman AG:EX
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2019 5:00 PM
To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX; Arend, Elenore PSSG:EX
Cc: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX; Hoadley, David AG:EX; Chandler, Alex EMBC:EX
Subject: PPT for discussion with TB tomorrow
Attachments: Savings Targets - For Discussion .pptx

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I will be sharing this with Heather Wood tomorrow.

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Comments welcome. There is further analysis work my staff have done to back up – this is a simplified version for presentation purposes.

Salman Azam, BA, CPD

*Assistant Deputy Minister & Executive Financial Officer
Corporate Management Services Branch
Ministry of Attorney General + Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General + Emergency Management BC
Cell –s.17*

From: Azam, Salman AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Halls, Lori D EMBC:EX; Arend, Elenore PSSG:EX
Cc: Sieben, Mark PSSG:EX; Hoadley, David AG:EX; Chandler, Alex EMBC:EX
Subject: Re: PPT for discussion with TB tomorrow

Just to summarize our call, and apologies for being late (we were in with Heather longer than anticipated, which is a good thing):

1. We've been asked to further define our historical contingency amounts - Heather wants to pinpoint the causes down to external factors. We said we would provide this. This is positive - we believe TB may give us "credit" for some of those external factors impacting our budgets.
2. Heather agreed that the total pressure of \$50m respectively will impact core programs and services.
3. Heather asked her TB staff to work with CMSB finance to develop "credits" toward savings that include discretionary 2019 spend, and fees & revenue increases that could be applied in future years (i.e. 2020), and slow downs of implementations in future years (i.e. Cannabis retail in 2020). Overall this is a good development
4. The savings targets are not movable. But I believe the "credits" method will help to deal with both contingency and savings targets. There will still be difficult decisions to be made identifying what of core can be cut - the key will be in the explanation of the cut and impact of the cut, plus the work we are doing with TB now for them to have the proper context.

We will brief Minister Farnworth on this, this afternoon. Richard, I advise we should do the same for Minister Eby - shall I reach out to Connie and arrange.

Salman

On Sep 23, 2019, at 4:59 PM, Azam, Salman AG:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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Assistant Deputy Minister & Executive Financial Officer

Corporate Management Services Branch

Ministry of Attorney General + Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General + Emergency Management BC
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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 3:46 PM
To: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Subject: Re: RUSH QUESTION: Tonight at 5PM

Yes

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

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On Sep 24, 2019, at 3:37 PM, Richter, Connie AG:EX <Connie.Richter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Salman and David are briefing MMF at 5PM tonight re budget (via CC).
Jessica, would MDE be available to join?
Richard, ok for you?

AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Caul, Doug D IRR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 5:30 PM
To: Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX
Cc: Allan, John FLNR:EX; Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX; Shoemaker, Wes AGRI:EX; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX; Jeakins, Paul OGC:IN; Mihlar, Fazil JTT:EX; Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Main, Grant TRAN:EX; Willms, Lori FLNR:EX; Matzanke, Elise EAO:EX; Hansen, Erin AGRI:EX; Shortt, Amanda PREM:EX; Gooderham, Coleen E ENV:EX; Hohnsbehn, Cathy OGC:EX; McCann, Meghan EMPR:EX; Smith, Victoria TRAN:EX; Kwan, Shirley JTT:EX; Dakin, Ashley EAO:EX; Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX; Robb, Peter L. EMPR:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX; Olsson, Liz V FLNR:EX; Eckardt, Dana R IRR:EX
Subject: Re: DMCNR approval s.12
s.12

Thanks Dave. s.1 is at DMCNR next Monday. We can hold this until then.

For clarity - s.12; s.13

Dc

Doug Caul
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

On Sep 24, 2019, at 2:20 PM, Nikolejsin, Dave EMPR:EX <Dave.Nikolejsin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I'm supportive of this request, s.12; s.13
s.12; s.13 For all we know it could be cut as easily as approved to expand.

My vote is we hold this with everything else until we get a clear decision s.13

Dave Nikolejsin
Deputy Minister
Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

On Sep 25, 2019, at 1:33 AM, Caul, Doug D IRR:EX <Doug.Caul@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

DMCNR colleagues
s.12; s.13

Doug

AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Smith, Jessica C AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 6:02 PM
To: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Cc: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX; Normand, Nicole AG:EX; Pinette, Celia AG:EX; Croteau, Caitlin AG:EX; Harder, Derrick AG:EX
Subject: Re: RESPONSE: RUSH QUESTION: Tonight at 5PM

Hi Connie,

Can we please schedule a call on this tomorrow morning with Salman and David? MDE was unable to join the 5pm call.

Thank you,
Jess

On Sep 24, 2019, at 4:00 PM, Richter, Connie AG:EX <Connie.Richter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Yes, they received more information today that is important.
Will MDE join? If so, the numbers to connect are MMF's (1-877-353-9184, 8899281# - Nimmi/MO to moderate).
Richard, also noted in your calendar for 5PM.

From: Smith, Jessica C AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 3:47 PM
To: Richter, Connie AG:EX <Connie.Richter@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX <Richard.Fyfe@gov.bc.ca>; Normand, Nicole AG:EX <Nicole.Normand@gov.bc.ca>; Pinette, Celia AG:EX <Celia.Pinette@gov.bc.ca>; Croteau, Caitlin AG:EX <Caitlin.Croteau@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: RUSH QUESTION: Tonight at 5PM
Hi Connie,
Are there any changes to the briefing Salman and David gave MDE last week?
If no changes, he will opt out.
Thanks,
Jess

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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 9:16 AM
To: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Cc: Hoadley, David AG:EX; Azam, Salman AG:EX
Subject: Re: IMPORTANT: 9:30 This AM

Got it. Thanks Connie

Richard J.M. Fyfe QC
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On Sep 25, 2019, at 9:05 AM, Richter, Connie AG:EX <Connie.Richter@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Good morning,
A conf call has just been added to your calendars ... to provide MDE with a budget briefing.
C

AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Hoadley, David AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 9:56 AM
To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Cc: Azam, Salman AG:EX
Subject: FW: Cullen Commission Estimates

Richard,
Here is what I sent to Leo yesterday

From: Hoadley, David AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 4:08 PM
To: Perra, Leo E CC:EX
Cc: Cathy Stooshnov ; Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX ; Zabarauckas, Carmen AG:EX
Subject: RE: Cullen Commission Estimates
Importance: High

Hi Leo,
I know that I questioned previously whether the Commission could spend \$6 million by March 31, but I am asking that question again. As at August 31, the Commission had spent less than \$100,000 to date.^{s.12; s.13}
s.12; s.13

s.12; s.13

Is it possible to reduce the forecast from \$6 million to \$5 million?

Thanks,

From: Hoadley, David AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2019 8:29 AM
To: Perra, Leo E CC:EX <Leo.Perra@cullencommission.ca>
Cc: Cathy Stooshnov s.22 Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX <Caryn.Fischer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cullen Commission Estimates

Hi Leo,
Thanks.
I don't need the revised Budget Worksheet summary at this time.

David

From: Perra, Leo E CC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 7:35 PM
To: Hoadley, David AG:EX <David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Cathy Stooshnov s.22 Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX <Caryn.Fischer@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Cullen Commission Estimates

Hi David:

The commission agrees to see \$500,000 transferred from the Consultants, experts, investigators category for this fiscal into the same category for the next fiscal.

Given the need for monthly forecasts, the commission will review its financial activities on a monthly basis and forward any forecast adjustments as they are identified.

I can forward a revised Budget Worksheet summary if that will help. Leo

From: Hoadley, David AG:EX

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 12:27 PM

To: Perra, Leo E CC:EX <Leo.Perra@cullencommission.ca>

Cc: Cathy Stooshnov s.22 Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX <Caryn.Fischer@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Cullen Commission Estimates

Hi Leo,

That is not quite how it works.

The *Public Inquiry Act* gives the Commission "statutory appropriation", as opposed to voted appropriation. With statutory appropriation, there is no fixed allocation voted by the legislation. The Commission has authority to spend whatever amount is required. Likewise, a forecast does not set a spending limit for the Commission, it just gives the ministry and Treasury Board Staff an idea of planned spending, so that TBS can balance government's total budget. A forecast is only at a point in time, forecasts should be adjusted (up or down) each month, as better information becomes available.

Under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), expenses must be recorded in the fiscal period that they are incurred. This principle applies to governments and to all private companies. Costs cannot be charged to the next fiscal that belonged to this fiscal. If expenses are charged it to the wrong fiscal, the auditors would view it as an error.

From: Perra, Leo E CC:EX

Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 11:37 AM

To: Hoadley, David AG:EX <David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Cathy Stooshnov s.22 Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX <Caryn.Fischer@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Cullen Commission Estimates

Thanks for the response.

It is also my understanding following more research that if costs are incurred towards the end of the fiscal and funds have been exhausted, then these costs are charged against the next fiscal period. This principle would apply to the total budget and not a single category.

Given this understanding I will try and get back to you soon. Leo

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 30, 2019, at 9:53 AM, Hoadley, David AG:EX <David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Leo,
For Q1, I need the forecast by this Thursday noon at the latest.

An alternative given the uncertainty is that we could leave the forecast as is for now and reassess next month and/or the following month. We will be asking for updated forecasts every month, as the ministry is required to submit a monthly forecast to Treasury Board Staff. We ask that forecasts be submitted by the 7th working day of every month. Over the course of the year, forecasts will get more accurate as you get more information and uncertainty decreases.

Thanks,

From: Perra, Leo E CC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 8:55 AM
To: Hoadley, David AG:EX <David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Cathy Stooshnov s.22 _____ Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX <Caryn.Fischer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cullen Commission Estimates

Hi David:

The estimates you have for the legal positions you have described are similar to what I have. Our terminology is a bit different in that the 10-year positions I was referencing are called associate counsel within the commission.

The legal staff at this time includes two senior commission counsel and they have been on staff since May and early June. In addition, the commission has appointed a full time Policy Counsel member and she is supported with an approximate half-time lawyer that has extensive experience with commission activity.^{s.14}

The commission has also appointed an associate counsel and has offers to two others and has two junior counsel members selected, one of whom will be working soon. The commissioner and senior counsel are working to get a full complement of the planned legal staff in place.

Your suggestions regarding the commission's ability to fully implement the investigative portion of its activities have merit; however, given our short period of activity we are reluctant to immediately agree with your assumptions. When do you require a definitive response to this issue?

At the moment we only have two people with signed contracts although we have had other individuals working since mid-May. Signed and approved contracts should be in place by the end of this week. These contracts will be followed by invoices for this initial period and given the lack of facilities, the hours have not been fulltime for many. This may provide some additional savings that we can identify.

We appreciate your support for wanting to ensure that we have the needed resources to fulfill our mandate. We will give your request to verify the effective use of resources within fiscal periods the attention it deserves.

Leo

Leo Perra, Executive Director
Cullen Commission into Money Laundering in British Columbia
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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:34 PM
To: Cavanaugh, Lynda A AG:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Subject: Fwd: Cullen Commission

Hi Lynda please note the additional points at the end of the note regarding federal courts using Supreme Court space in September to December and the possible use of the telepresence facilities.

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From: <Richard.Fyfe@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 25, 2019 at 1:17:13 PM PDT
To: Eby David <David.Eby@gov.bc.ca>, <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, <David.Hoadley@gov.bc.ca>, <Derrick.Harder@gov.bc.ca>, Smith Jessica <Jessica.C.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cullen Commission

I had a good meeting today with Commissioner Cullen.

After clarifying GR hat there was no intention to fetter the Commission, which he acknowledges as not being a concern of his, I explained the current instructions that have been given to our ministry and across government. He understood the magnitude of the impact in the current fiscal year.

I discussed two particular items that relate to the commission: (1) accurate/ precise budgeting in terms of timing of expenditures; and (2) the desirability of incurring expenses next fiscal year to the extent possible.

He was very receptive to the discussion and indicated that he has a budget meeting this afternoon with his team and will convey the message.

We also discussed a need for providing access at the Supreme Court for federal court next year (September to December) so that the Commission can continue to use the federal court space.

And we discussed the possibility of using telepresence for their meetings to minimize some costs.

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From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 4:43 PM
To: donotreply@sp.gov.bc.ca; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Subject: Re: ALERT - eApprovals Item ID: 3698 - Item Forwarded - - Due 9/26/2019

Once it has been approved by all 3 DMs then you can send it.

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On Sep 25, 2019, at 4:06 PM, JPSS eApprovals <donotreply@sp.gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX for action

Comment: Hi Richard, My apologies, quick question. Would you like me to send the final approved DM note (DAG, DSG, DM Halls) once it is approved and sent out to the MO or send as a draft now? The A/DSG and DM Halls have not yet approved. Thanks -M

#:

Title: Joint DM message on spending

Full Name:

Due Date: 9/26/2019

Category: Communication (Media requests/DM Messages) - DM Message

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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 12:50 PM
To: Richter, Connie AG:EX; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Subject: Fwd: ALERT - eApprovals Item ID: 3698 - Item Forwarded - - Due 9/26/2019

Can you make sure that Tim Chu (GCPE) is alerted to and given a copy of the final version of the note.

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Date: September 26, 2019 at 12:37:22 PM PDT
To: <Richard.Fyfe@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: ALERT - eApprovals Item ID: 3698 - Item Forwarded - - Due 9/26/2019
Reply-To: <donotreply@sp.gov.bc.ca>

Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX [Assignee] forwarded an eApprovals item to Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX for action

Comment: Hi Richard, A/DSG reviewed and had two requested revisions/comments, noted in the attached. Please could you have another look at advise if you are ok to go ahead with the requested changes? Thanks -M

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Title: Joint DM message on spending

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From: Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 4:13 PM
To: Normand, Nicole AG:EX; Croteau, Caitlin AG:EX
Cc: Harder, Derrick AG:EX; Smith, Jessica C AG:EX; Pinette, Celia AG:EX; Bernard, Tabitha AG:EX; Chu, Timothy GCPE:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX
Subject: FW: Ministry Spending Directive and Targets

Good afternoon,

Please note the message below. Kindly provide to the Minister for his information. I've also copied Tim for his information at the Deputy's request.

Thank you.

-M

From: Deputy Minister Communication AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:53 PM
To: 'All Staff- Attorney General and Public Safety and Solicitor General'
Subject: Ministry Spending Directive and Targets



Sept. 26, 2019

Dear colleagues,

In response to a government-wide directive from Treasury Board, our ministries are taking actions to reduce discretionary spending through the immediate implementation of spending restrictions. As you may know, government has been under spending restrictions for several years and the additional actions that we are taking today are to ensure that funding is invested in the priorities that matter for people and maintain strong fiscal management, debt affordability, and balanced budgets.

What does this mean?

Effective immediately, all hiring must have Deputy Minister approval. This includes hiring for positions that are currently in the recruitment process. For competitions underway, unless a written offer has been given, Deputy Minister approval must be reconfirmed and no offers given until Deputy Minister approval is received. All positions which previously received blanket approval on their bulk hiring will now be reviewed by the appropriate Deputy Minister. The exception to this will be essential operations staff such as sheriffs, correctional officers, probation officers and prosecutors.

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Discretionary spending, including new contracts, is now on hold. Only essential expenditures should be considered and these should be pre-approved by your Deputy Minister. Essential expenditures approved by branches and divisions will be monitored by the Corporate Management Services Branch on behalf of the joint executive team.

The approval process for other discretionary expenditures is also being reviewed and targets will be developed through our corporate governance committees. More information on this to come.

For more information

The hiring approval process will be communicated through executive next week. In the meantime, please speak with your ADM if you have any questions.

The AG and PSSG joint executive team recognizes the challenges that can come with these constraints. We want to thank you for your commitment and ongoing dedication to serving the citizens of B.C.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Attorney General

Elenore Arend
Acting Deputy Solicitor
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Lori Halls
Deputy Minister, EMBC

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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 6:34 PM
To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Cc: Richter, Connie AG:EX; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Subject: Re: For Review by Sept 30: Ombudsperson reporting documents

I'll be getting more info from staff tomorrow. There's a likely issue with being able to execute due the budget but I need to work through that for you.

On Sep 26, 2019, at 11:08 AM, Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX wrote:

Hi Kurt - any concerns?

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From: "Mayhew, Neilane MMHA:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 26, 2019 at 9:48:36 AM PDT
To: "Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX" <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>, "Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX" <Richard.Fyfe@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: For Review by Sept 30: Ombudsperson reporting documents

You may recall that MMHA is responsible for providing consolidated reporting on progress on implementation of the recommendations in the Ombudsperson's report on involuntary admission under the *Mental Health Act*.

Staff in MMHA have been working with staff in your ministries to prepare the consolidated progress report and it is my understanding that they have been moving material/information up through the appropriate approval chains within your ministries. Having said that, prior to me submitting on Monday September 30, 2019, I wanted to check in with both you to make sure you are comfortable.

You will find attached a draft letter to Jay Chalke which I will be sending with the attached spreadsheet. In this letter I am also responding to a letter he sent to me on MMHA's implementation of a specific recommendation. For your info and context I have attached his incoming letter to me; however I am not asking you to review this. The critical piece is that you are comfortable with the information in the spreadsheet. Stephen – Note that this includes reporting on HA progress as well.

All the information in the spreadsheet was gathered through your staff. Please let me know by noon on Monday if you have any concerns.

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AG PSSG FOI AG:EX

From: Matthews, Simon AG:EX
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 10:21 AM
Subject: Ministry Spending Directive - Contract Implications
Attachments: A.2 - Contract Approval Request Spending Update.docx; A.3 - Government Transfer_Contract Approval Request - Fix.docx

Good morning, as most of you have heard by now, discretionary contract spending has been placed on hold. Until told differently, ALL new contracts will require Deputy Minister level approval prior to them being entered into and services starting. This Directive also applies to all contracts that have option to renew clauses in them. Before any option to renew is exercised, Deputy approval must be received.

The process for getting approval for these contracts is the same as the existing Contract Approval Request (CAR) process and I have attached the latest version of the CAR and Government Transfer Request (GTR) forms. These forms can also be found on our Ministry's intranet site in the contract [toolkit](#). All CARS and GTRs should still be sent to CMSB in eApprovals (to Evan Ruffell) or directly to the central Procurement support inbox (JAGProcurementSupport@gov.bc.ca).

If you have any questions about these new procedures, please contact me directly.

Simon Matthews

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From: Deputy Minister Communication AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2019 3:53 PM
To: 'All Staff- Attorney General and Public Safety and Solicitor General'
Subject: Ministry Spending Directive and Targets



Ministries of Attorney General
& Public Safety and Solicitor General

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From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 10:37 AM
To: Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX
Cc: Richter, Connie AG:EX; Grills, Sean C AG:EX; Azam, Salman AG:EX
Subject: Re: Upcoming FJSD Conference October 8-10

I concur

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On Sep 27, 2019, at 10:27 AM, Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX <Kurt.Sandstrom@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Richard, I wanted to give you the heads up regarding a conference that's upcoming soon in face of the spending reduction exercise to ensure you are comfortable.

Family Justice Services Division has a workshop coming up for October 8th to 10th. It is for their frontline staff to provide essential training on Indigenous client relations and dealing with difficult clients. The event has been largely pre-paid, with contracts in place for all trainers.

I looked into whether this could be cancelled. FJSD pre-paid the \$40,528.50 cost for the event to the hotel for 61 people to stay and have several meals provided. They will not receive a refund from the hotel at this point. They pre-paid to take advantage of economic efficiencies of booking the conference at same venue earlier this year. There are better deals when booking two at a time.

The contractors are booked through a JIBC contract and we have passed the cancellation date where it could be done without losing much of the 15K incurred.

Finally, there are travel arrangements that have been booked which are non-refundable (cheapest rate) or which would only yield a credit and no savings. Wherever possible people are travelling by carpool in G cars as part of Stephanie's usual fiscal management to keep costs down.

This workshop only happens every three years.

I'm trusting this will explain why I've indicated to Stephanie Melvin that she should proceed with the event in the face of the restrictions. I hope you concur, but if not please let me know.

Kurt

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From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 3:35 PM
To: Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX
Cc: Richter, Connie AG:EX; Harvey, James AG:EX; Azam, Salman AG:EX; Grills, Sean C AG:EX
Subject: Re: BEA For Approval - Supreme Court Rules Committee Meeting

Thanks - I agree.

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On Sep 27, 2019, at 3:12 PM, Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX <Kurt.Sandstrom@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

As you are chair of the Supreme Court Rules Committee, I am seeking your direction on the following recommendations I would make concerning the previously approved BEA for coffee and muffins:

1. Discontinue approval for muffins and coffee;
2. Make arrangements for video conferencing of the rules committee and restrict government travel to Vancouver for meetings (with the exception of you as chair if you wish);
3. Encourage Rules Committee members (non-judiciary) by a letter from you to attend by phone or personally in Victoria or Vancouver, whichever is closer, and not travel to Vancouver unless strictly necessary.

Let me know your thoughts please when you have a moment. The next meeting is October 7th, 2 PM.

Thanks Richard,
Kurt.

Kurt J.W. Sandstrom, QC

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From: "Grills, Sean C AG:EX" <Sean.Grills@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 27, 2019 at 11:28:37 AM PDT
To: "Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX" <Kurt.Sandstrom@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Fast, Courtney AG:EX" <Courtney.Fast@gov.bc.ca>, "Grills, Sean C AG:EX" <Sean.Grills@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: BEA For Approval - Supreme Court Rules Committee Meeting

Kurt – the attached BEA was signed by you on September 24th. In light of the DAG's global message yesterday about discretionary spending and essential expenditures, I recommend that you seek approval from Richard and ask for his future direction on providing coffee/drinks to the Supreme Court Rules Committee. Note the global message says, "Only essential expenditures should be considered and these should be pre-approved by your Deputy Minister". It appears even if the expenditure is essential that it still requires DAG approval. Since you are with him at UBCM, maybe you can verbally ask 😊

I just don't feel comfortable saying to Ashley that because this was previously signed that it is still valid.

Thanks!

Sean

From: Halicki, Ashley AG:EX
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Grills, Sean C AG:EX <Sean.Grills@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gibbons, Annette AG:EX <Annette.Gibbons@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: BEA For Approval - Supreme Court Rules Committee Meeting

Good morning Sean,

The attached BEA was approved and signed off by Kurt on September 24, 2019. Due to everything that is happening, I would like to confirm that this is still approved, and we are able to order catering for the Supreme Court Rules Committee Meeting on October 7, or if we are to hold off. Please advise.

Many thanks,

Ashley Halicki | Administrative Assistant

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Offering acknowledgement in respect of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples, traditional keepers of this land, and the Songhees, Esquimalt, and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with this land continue today.

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From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2019 3:52 PM
To: Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX
Cc: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Subject: Re: October travel

I agree with approach on both.

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On Sep 27, 2019, at 3:33 PM, Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX <Kurt.Sandstrom@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Richard, I am going through my travel for October for your input/approval. Below are my recommendations:

1. October 15th - travel to Port Hardy with the Chief Judge by Pacific Coastal Air, return same day for meeting with the community re: Indigenous Court proposal.

Scheduled government attendees: Colleen Spier and Kurt

Recommended: approve this travel for Colleen only, Kurt remains in Victoria by phone if available. The rationale for the travel is that the CJ relies heavily on JSB support for these community meetings and it will be difficult for her to lead the discussions without someone from JSB there. CJ will likely understand if she only has Colleen in attendance.

2. October 29 and 30th - travel to Vancouver for the A2JBC Leadership Group meeting on the 30th and "Getting to Access to Justice, the bridge between regulatory reform and human centred design" on the 29th. Hotel and Harbour air

Recommended: If you are going Richard, I would stay back and you can update me on anything coming from the event. If you are not going, I'd still recommend me not traveling given the value of these meetings and the budget.

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Sent: Friday, October 4, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Normand, Nicole AG:EX; Croteau, Caitlin AG:EX
Cc: Harder, Derrick AG:EX; Smith, Jessica C AG:EX; Pinette, Celia AG:EX; Bernard, Tabitha AG:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX
Subject: TB Submission - s.12
Attachments: s.12

Good afternoon,

Attached for the Minister's review and consideration is the TB submission re. s.12 . I've attached a PDF copy along with the word versions.

s.12; s.13

Briefing scheduled: Monday October 7 from 3:30-4 pm with DAG, ADM Azam and David Hoadley

Best Regards,
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From: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:12 PM
To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Cc: Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Subject: RUSH REQUEST: AG Expenditures Savings Target Submission
Attachments: AG Expenditures Savings Submission.docx; Savings Target - AG summary.pptx; Track Changes - AG Expenditures Savings Submission.docx

Importance: High

Richard, pls. see the below note. OK to share with the MO for this afternoon's briefing?

Also, fyi, David and Salman plan to take a hard copy to get MDE to sign it at the meeting.

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From: Hoadley, David AG:EX
Sent: Monday, October 7, 2019 12:07 PM
To: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Cc: Azam, Salman AG:EX ; Blakesley, Nicki AG:EX ; Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX
Subject: AG Expenditures Savings Target Submission

Connie,
s.12

Thanks,

David Hoadley, CPA, CA
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From: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 12:27 PM
To: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Subject: RUSH: Quick Question
Attachments: Appendices 1 & 2 - 1 Recommended Savings Measures and 2 Not Recommended Measures-revised.docx; AG Expenditures Savings Submission.docx

Importance: High

Richard, ok to provide to the MO for the 3PM today?

From: Hoadley, David AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 12:26 PM
To: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Cc: Blakesley, Nicki AG:EX ; Azam, Salman AG:EX
Subject: RE: Quick Question

Connie,
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Thanks,

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From: Richter, Connie AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Normand, Nicole AG:EX
Cc: Harder, Derrick AG:EX; Smith, Jessica C AG:EX; Pinette, Celia AG:EX; Croteau, Caitlin AG:EX; Engelbrecht, Maya AG:EX
Subject: Revised Savings Submission
Attachments: Appendices 1 & 2 - 1 Recommended Savings Measures and 2 Not Recommended Measures-revised.docx; AG Expenditures Savings Submission.docx

Good afternoon, Nicole.

The attached is for their discussion at 3PM today.

The DAG, ADM Azam and David Hoadley will be attending in your office.

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From: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 3:27 PM
To: Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX
Subject: LSS

Hi Kurt

MDE asked if it is possible to “direct” LSS to discontinue their public education work as part of the budget exercise?

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From: Hoadley, David AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 8, 2019 3:54 PM
To: Smith, Jessica C AG:EX; Harder, Derrick AG:EX
Cc: Azam, Salman AG:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX; Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX
Subject: Revised AG Target Submission for signature today
Attachments: AG Expenditures Savings Submission.docx; Appendices 1 & 2 - 1 Recommended Savings Measures and 2 Not Recommended Measures-revised.docx

Importance: High

Jessica and Derrick,
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Please have the Minister signed and send me the pdf by end of the day.

Thanks!

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From: Caroline Nevin <cnevin@courthouselibrary.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, October 9, 2019 11:53 AM
To: Niessen, Elizabeth AG:EX
Cc: Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Subject: Re: Fall 2019 Justice Summit Update

I support this decision. Cuts that protect core services are ok by me.

Regards, Caroline

Caroline Nevin, CEO
BC Courthouse Libraries
604.660.2409

On Oct 9, 2019, at 11:42 AM, Niessen, Elizabeth AG:EX <Elizabeth.Niessen@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Dear Justice Summit Participants,

We are writing to inform you that the 2019 Fall Justice Summit has been cancelled and the topic "Diversion and Alternatives to Short-Term Incarceration" will be brought forward to the Spring Justice Summit, scheduled for June 5-6, 2020.

As you may be aware, Treasury Board has directed ministries to take actions to reduce discretionary spending for the remainder of the 2019/20 fiscal year. This has required some difficult decisions, including cancellation of the fall Summit scheduled for November 22 and 23, 2019. Please be assured, the Ministry of Attorney General and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General remain committed to the Summit process and the objective of facilitating collaboration and innovation in the justice and public safety sector.

We want to acknowledge the Justice Summit Steering Committee for their work to date on developing the approach and agenda for the fall Justice Summit. We have requested the Committee resume this work in the new year in preparation for the Spring Justice Summit. In the interim, the newly established working group will continue their activities.

Thank you for your understanding and for your commitment to ongoing collaboration and engagement.

Yours truly,

Richard J. M. Fyfe, QC
Deputy Attorney General

Mark Sieben
Deputy Minister, Public Safety and
Solicitor General

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From: Hoadley, David AG:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 12:49 PM
To: Sandstrom, Kurt AG:EX; Juk, Peter A AG:EX; Harvey, James AG:EX; Cavanaugh, Lynda A AG:EX; MacLeod, Sam GPEB:EX; Bailey, Ian D AG:EX; Maloughney, Mary Sue LCRB:EX; Scott, Douglas S AG:EX; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX
Cc: Azam, Salman AG:EX; Blakesley, Nicki AG:EX; La Guardia, Sean FIN:EX; Anderson, Brian E AG:EX; Pollner, Kyle AG:EX; Manton, Jenny D AG:EX; Truong, My Anh GPEB:EX; Rutherford, Derek AG:EX; Bentley, Cheryl A LCRB:EX; Cairns, Holly AG:EX; Fischer, Caryn L AG:EX; Richter, Connie AG:EX
Subject: AG Expenditure Target Plan Submission
Attachments: Appendices 1 & 2 - 1 Recommended Savings Measures and 2 Not Recommended Measures-revised.pdf; AG Expenditures Savings Submission-revised_signed.pdf

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AG Executive,
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