

Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX

From: Farmer, Leila PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: Re: Ministers' attendance at private ticketed events - government relations

Hi Geoff,

I've seen the email and completely understand. Thank you for checking in directly.

-Leila

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2017, at 11:08 AM, Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Leila, Lori,

I understand your ministers may be considering speaking at an event of this nature, so wanted to be sure you saw this.

Geoff

From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:55 AM
To: Bains, Harry PREM:EX; Beare, Lisa PREM:EX; Chen, Katrina PREM:EX; Chow, George PREM:EX; Conroy, Katrine PREM:EX; Darcy, Judy PREM:EX; Dix, Adrian HLTH:EX; Donaldson, Doug PREM:EX; Eby, David PREM:EX; Farnworth, Mike PSSG:EX; Fleming, Rob PREM:EX; Fraser, Scott PREM:EX; Heyman, George PREM:EX; James, Carole PREM:EX; Mark, Melanie PREM:EX; Mungall, Michelle EMPR:EX; Popham, Lana AGRI:EX; Ralston, Bruce PREM:EX; Robinson, Selina PREM:EX; Simpson, Shane PREM:EX; Sims, Jinny CITZ:EX; Trevena, Claire PREM:EX
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Sent on behalf of the Chief of Staff, Geoff Meggs

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Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Geoff

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From: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ministers' attendance at private ticketed events - government relations

Agreed

Matt Hannah
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From: Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX; Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Cc: Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: Ministers' attendance at private ticketed events - government relations

Tim, I don't think it would be wise. It seems to me it falls under the heading of accepting a benefit or gift. The minister could seek advice on that point, but if he's busy, he won't need to.

Geoff

From: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 1:31 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ministers' attendance at private ticketed events - government relations

Geoff can you offer Tim guidance on this?

From: Renneberg, Tim PREM:EX
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Nash, Amber PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Ministers' attendance at private ticketed events - government relations

On that topic, my minister has been asked to attend a fishing trip hosted by the Truck Loggers' Association. The TLA had raffled that fishing trip off as a fund-raiser for the association (it's a non-profit), with the understanding that the (former) minister would be one of the guests on the fishing trip. The timing of the trip – September or October – isn't particularly conducive to the minister's schedule, but I wonder at the appropriateness of a minister participating in an industry fund-raiser. To whom would I direct this question?

Tim Renneberg
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Aaron, Sage PREM:EX

From: Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Media Request: Alleged Cash for Access re Politics, Policies and Priorities Conference

Fair – I deferred to you as Jen is away

I will connect with Matt ☺
thanks

From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: Media Request: Alleged Cash for Access re Politics, Policies and Priorities Conference

Given who is involved I think I should stay well away from any involvement in this.
Would you please connect with Matt Hannah about Chris' question?

Sage

Sent from my mobile device

On Aug 16, 2017, at 10:58 AM, Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX <Stephanie.Sherlock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Your thoughts?

From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Sherlock, Stephanie GCPE:EX
Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Hannah, Matt GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request: Alleged Cash for Access re Politics, Policies and Priorities Conference

Hi Stephanie – I'm not sure how to proceed with this one and hoping you can help me sort it out. As you know, it's not uncommon for ministers to speak at conferences where there is a fee to attend. I'm not familiar with this event other than what is stated on the web site:
<https://www.compositепublicaffairsevents.com/home>. It looks to be more in the political realm so wondering if the party should take this one? Cheers, Chris

From: Farmer, Leila PREM:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX
Subject: Fwd: media request

Over to you - thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bob Mackin <bob@thebreaker.news>
Date: August 16, 2017 at 9:36:13 AM PDT
To: leila.farmer@gov.bc.ca, Lori.Winstanley@gov.bc.ca
Subject: media request

Hello,

I wonder if Minister Mungall and Minister Fraser would be available to comment on their scheduled appearances as keynote speakers at the Oct. 27 conference in Vancouver being organized by their former caucus-mate, Sue Hammell?

The website says this event has a minimum \$245 admission fee, so it meets the definition of "cash for access."

<https://www.compositepublicaffairsevents.com/keynote-speakers>

Sincerely,

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