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**Subject:** RE: Transcript - Premier John Horgan, post - Throne Speech scrum

Hi Ian,  
Please find below. Cheers!

Scrum  
Horgan - throne speech press conference  
12-Feb-2019 15:00

Quoted: Reporter, John Horgan

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So building more connections between our two jurisdictions, I believe, is in the interest of our economy. And in the interest of establishing relationships on the issues that we need to work on together, like salmon, like orcas, and making sure that we are doing everything we can to address climate change. Those are the things that bring us together.

The governments of Oregon and Washington are working on connecting their two major metropolitan centres with high-speed rail. I think it's appropriate that BC participate in that discussion. We put \$300,000 Canadian -- I had to keep correcting that for the American audience, that you could get a few cups of Starbucks for that in Seattle. But we are making a financial commitment so that we can be part of the discussion. But it is way premature for me to determine whether decision in California mirrors the decisions in Washington, Oregon and BC.

Reporter: Is it fair to ask if California, which is much bigger can't afford it, can BC, Washington and Oregon?

Horgan: California has a whole host of challenges. First of all, everything they do requires a referendum, and that's not the case here. That's not necessarily the case in Oregon. Washington has some referenda challenges as well. But I think whenever we can have jurisdictions working together, particularly with the climate we've had with our US trading partners, certainly since I was sworn in -- the softwood lumber deal, onerous tariffs on steel and aluminum, the constant hectoring back and forth about somehow our dairy sector is cheating milk drinkers across North America -- these types of things diminish our ability to work together. By having a relationship with Washington and Oregon and California, as well as Alaska, it provides us with an opportunity to have a dialogue with our neighbours that don't necessarily have to be filtered through the Washington DC lens.

Reporter: Back to money laundering, some people think a public inquiry is an automatic magic wand and everything is solved [inaudible]. What are your concerns about what a public inquiry might not accomplish? And what are the problems with it?

Horgan: There's a whole bunch of things I'd like to have answers to. I've been here for 14 years as a member of the Legislature. I think of the BC Rail scandal, when we had police officers walking out of this building with file boxes and hard drives. We never did really find out what that was all about. There's been talk that a public inquiry would help us get to the bottom of that. I'm not convinced that the cost of finding that is worth the expense that we would have to make when we have demands for resources for health care, for education, for child care -- the things that matter to people. As curious as I am to find out about BC Rail, I think that's good money after bad.

When it comes to money laundering, this is a real and present danger to our economy and to our people. That's why Mr German's work initially was started by us back in 2017 and we've asked him to continue on that work in the housing market and we've added the heft of a former deputy attorney general, in Maureen Maloney. I believe that we have good, capable people that have experience in this area, that are working without fear of requiring numerous lawyers and years and years of hearings that may lead to no results.

Having said that, this is an issue that the public will not let go, and that's to the good work of many reporters. Everyone knows the one individual who's been doing a particularly stellar job on this. I don't need to mention him. But that is exposing to the public the depth of this problem, and maybe a public inquiry is warranted, but let's see what we get back from the two eminent people that we have already looking at this before we dive into years and years of hearings and mountains and mountains of legal bills.

Reporter: Of course, more questions about money laundering. Some of the strongest calls for a public inquiry have come from people within your own party. There's the BCGEU campaign. There's the mayor of Port Coquitlam, who's in the NDP. There have also been suggestions that you're reluctant to call a public inquiry because you did some consulting work way back when in the industry with regard to the Hastings race course proposal, and also your own chief of staff comes from a political party which has some questionable ties, did some questionable fundraising and very questionable policy in the city of Vancouver. There would have to be questions. Maybe Geoff Meggs himself, if there was a public inquiry, would have to go on the stand. Are those some of the reasons why you're not going to [inaudible] a public inquiry -- that some in your own party would have to come under that microscope?

Horgan: Again, the former government oversaw the bulk of this. I tend to go to incompetence before I jump right to conspiracy. You're welcome to do that, but I usually find that conspiracy takes a lot of organizational skills, and quite often that's not apparent in these situations.

My personal view on gambling is I don't support it. What I did as consultant 15 years ago has no bearing whatsoever on the situation today. I'm committed to making sure we get to the bottom of this. That's why we took this on right away. That's why we're not shy about unearthing these issues in the public mind. But again, you've covered enough public inquiries to know that they are long, they are costly, and oftentimes don't lead to a result. We want to see consequences for this action, and I believe we're on the right track for that. If we find in Mr German and Ms Maloney's



reports that there's more work to be done and the public inquiry will help us with that, I have zero problem with going in that direction, nor does the attorney general.

Reporter: The UNDRIP legislation. The federal government originally talked about doing this, and they seem to have backed away from enshrining it in legislation. Apparently, they have reservations about the legal implications. Can you give some indication? Are we talking about rewriting provincial laws to incorporate all 46 UNDRIP principles into provincial law, or is this more of a symbolic commitment? Is it a substantive rewrite of provincial law?

Horgan: There will be.... Leg counsel's working right now on a package of initiatives that will go before the Legislature. I don't want to prejudge that at this point. As you know, Leg counsel oftentimes goes in directions that weren't contemplated when the initial request for legislation goes forward. So I can't say definitely, Vaughn, whether it will be a rewrite of many pieces of legislation. I know it will be more than symbolic. We need to address reconciliation in BC not just for social justice, as I said, but for economic equality for all citizens, indigenous and non-indigenous.

You've been covering this place as long as anyone. For too long, uncertainty on the land base has led to investment decisions being foregone. I believe that that hurts indigenous people and it hurts other British Columbians. We need to find a way forward. We're working with the leadership council. We're working nation by nation to make progress. And I think it's in the public interest to do that.

Reporter: Does the fact that Ottawa has backed off give you any pause or concern?

Horgan: Ottawa, certainly when Minister Raybould was in the attorney general's chair, I had more confidence that we would be able to get there. I've not met the new attorney general. I don't want to diminish him in any way. But I do know Jody Wilson-Raybould. She's a strong voice for BC. She's a strong voice for indigenous peoples. And to have her in such a significant position was comforting to me and to those of us who want to make progress on reconciliation. How we go forward with the federal government is really up to them. We're proceeding regardless. We have within our jurisdiction a whole host of areas where we can take action. We're going to do that. [sss, pjjh, adv, edu, jtst, tnf, pssg, zpz, mcf, mjag]

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Hi there,

Is there any possibility of getting the transcript for Premier John Horgan's scrum following the delivery of the throne speech?

It would be helpful for prep/research ahead of next week's BC budget.

Thanks.

Rgds

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Hi Monica,  
We will send you something Friday.

Cheers,  
Jen

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**Subject:** Premier Hogan's meeting on Friday, Feb. 15 with the Williams Lake delegation

Hi Jen:

I understand the meeting scheduled with Premier Hogan and our Mayor Walt Cobb and two others is rescheduled to Friday in Vancouver.

I am hoping to receive a photograph or two from the meeting and if possible some comments from the Premier after the meeting.

Sincerely,

Monica Lamb-Yorski  
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**Subject:** FW: Question from CBC about UNDRIP legislation

Hi Sarah,  
Are you able to get back to her on these questions?

Thanks!  
Jen

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Hi Jen,

Hope this finds you well. Just tried calling but figured an email would be easiest.

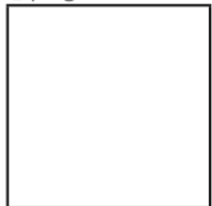
I was hoping to clarify a couple points about the commitment re: UNDRIP legislation made yesterday.

First, is there any timeline/goal for tabling legislation? I understand from the Premier's comments yesterday that this matter is with a legislative council?

Also, the Premier made a comment about the jurisdictional areas where B.C. can implement UNDRIP with or without the feds and are there a couple of examples that your office would be think are most relevant in communicating this to the public?

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Cell phones:

The Solicitor General will be heading up the work but here is some material for you today.

- Canadians pay more than most places in the world for cell phone plans and mobile data.
- Telecom regulation is primarily federal jurisdiction but the Province does have options on consumer protection including around billing transparency and contracts.
- Options to be explored in consultation with the public include: increasing transparency on actual cost to providers of a given service (eg of a MB of data), an extended 'cooling off' period whereby consumers can reconsider a device purchase/contract, etc.
- Both Ontario and Quebec have taken action at the provincial level on cell phone plans.

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Re the ticket stuff:  
PSSG has been working on this and may have more on your specific Qs.

In March of 2018, the Ministry launched a public questionnaire to find out what the public's thoughts on the state of ticket buying and selling in B.C. were. The questionnaire was available for three weeks and over 6500 completed responses were received which will help to inform the legislation on the subject. The report on these results was released to the public through [engage.gov.bc.ca](http://engage.gov.bc.ca) on August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Link to [What We Heard Report](#)  
Section on bots at page 9-10.

The consultation considered prosecutions for use of bots and the idea of cancelling tickets that were identified to have been purchased by bots. PSSG will be developing legislation.

Will see what I can get you on cell phones asap. Believe it's PSSG as well, and I'm bugging them for some stuff.

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Can you please send this to the relevant ministry? I don't know which one it is.

- What kind of mass ticketing buying software ban is the government considering? How can it ban the use of software that might be used outside of BC?
- What can BC actually do about cellphone billing? How can it make it more transparent? Are cell phones not regulated federally?

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So building more connections between our two jurisdictions, I believe, is in the interest of our economy. And in the interest of establishing relationships on the issues that we need to work on together, like salmon, like orcas, and making sure that we are doing everything we can to address climate change. Those are the things that bring us together.

The governments of Oregon and Washington are working on connecting their two major metropolitan centres with high-speed rail. I think it's appropriate that BC participate in that discussion. We put \$300,000 Canadian -- I had to keep correcting that for the American audience, that you could get a few cups of Starbucks for that in Seattle. But we are making a financial commitment so that we can be part of the discussion. But it is way premature for me to determine whether decision in California mirrors the decisions in Washington, Oregon and BC.

Reporter: Is it fair to ask if California, which is much bigger can't afford it, can BC, Washington and Oregon?

Horgan: California has a whole host of challenges. First of all, everything they do requires a referendum, and that's not the case here. That's not necessarily the case in Oregon. Washington has some referenda challenges as well. But I think whenever we can have jurisdictions working together, particularly with the climate we've had with our US trading partners, certainly since I was sworn in -- the softwood lumber deal, onerous tariffs on steel and aluminum, the constant hectoring back and forth about somehow our dairy sector is cheating milk drinkers across North America -- these types of things diminish our ability to work together. By having a relationship with Washington and Oregon and California, as well as Alaska, it provides us with an opportunity to have a dialogue with our neighbours that don't necessarily have to be filtered through the Washington DC lens.

Reporter: Back to money laundering, some people think a public inquiry is an automatic magic wand and everything is solved [inaudible]. What are your concerns about what a public inquiry might not accomplish? And what are the problems with it?

Horgan: There's a whole bunch of things I'd like to have answers to. I've been here for 14 years as a member of the Legislature. I think of the BC Rail scandal, when we had police officers walking out of this building with file boxes and hard drives. We never did really find out what that was all about. There's been talk that a public inquiry would help us get to the bottom of that. I'm not convinced that the cost of finding that is worth the expense that we would have to make when we have demands for resources for health care, for education, for child care -- the things that matter to people. As curious as I am to find out about BC Rail, I think that's good money after bad.

When it comes to money laundering, this is a real and present danger to our economy and to our people. That's why Mr German's work initially was started by us back in 2017 and we've asked him to continue on that work in the housing market and we've added the heft of a former deputy attorney general, in Maureen Maloney. I believe that we have good, capable people that have experience in this area, that are working without fear of requiring numerous lawyers and years and years of hearings that may lead to no results.

Having said that, this is an issue that the public will not let go, and that's to the good work of many reporters. Everyone knows the one individual who's been doing a particularly stellar job on this. I don't need to mention him. But that is exposing to the public the depth of this problem, and maybe a public inquiry is warranted, but let's see what we get back from the two eminent people that we have already looking at this before we dive into years and years of hearings and mountains and mountains of legal bills.

Reporter: Of course, more questions about money laundering. Some of the strongest calls for a public inquiry have come from people within your own party. There's the BCGEU campaign. There's the mayor of Port Coquitlam, who's in the NDP. There have also been suggestions that you're reluctant to call a public inquiry because you did some consulting work way back when in the industry with regard to the Hastings race course proposal, and also your own chief of staff comes from a political party which has some questionable ties, did some questionable fundraising and very questionable policy in the city of Vancouver. There would have to be questions. Maybe Geoff Meggs himself, if there was a public inquiry, would have to go on the stand. Are those some of the reasons why you're not going to [inaudible] a public inquiry -- that some in your own party would have to come under that microscope?

Horgan: Again, the former government oversaw the bulk of this. I tend to go to incompetence before I jump right to conspiracy. You're welcome to do that, but I usually find that conspiracy takes a lot of organizational skills, and quite often that's not apparent in these situations.

My personal view on gambling is I don't support it. What I did as consultant 15 years ago has no bearing whatsoever on the situation today. I'm committed to making sure we get to the bottom of this. That's why we took this on right away. That's why we're not shy about unearthing these issues in the public mind. But again, you've covered enough public inquiries to know that they are long, they are costly, and oftentimes don't lead to a result. We want to see consequences for this action, and I believe we're on the right track for that. If we find in Mr German and Ms Maloney's reports that there's more work to be done and the public inquiry will help us with that, I have zero problem with going in that direction, nor does the attorney general.

Reporter: The UNDRIP legislation. The federal government originally talked about doing this, and they seem to have backed away from enshrining it in legislation. Apparently, they have reservations about the legal implications. Can you give some indication? Are we talking about rewriting provincial laws to incorporate all 46 UNDRIP principles into provincial law, or is this more of a symbolic commitment? Is it a substantive rewrite of provincial law?

Horgan: There will be.... Leg counsel's working right now on a package of initiatives that will go before the Legislature. I don't want to prejudge that at this point. As you know, Leg counsel oftentimes goes in directions that weren't contemplated when the initial request for legislation goes forward. So I can't say definitely, Vaughn, whether it will be a rewrite of many pieces of legislation. I know it will be more than symbolic. We need to address reconciliation in BC not just for social justice, as I said, but for economic equality for all citizens, indigenous and non-indigenous.

You've been covering this place as long as anyone. For too long, uncertainty on the land base has led to investment decisions being foregone. I believe that that hurts indigenous people and it hurts other British Columbians. We need to find a way forward. We're working with the leadership council. We're working nation by nation to make progress. And I think it's in the public interest to do that.

Reporter: Does the fact that Ottawa has backed off give you any pause or concern?

Horgan: Ottawa, certainly when Minister Raybould was in the attorney general's chair, I had more confidence that we would be able to get there. I've not met the new attorney general. I don't want to diminish him in any way. But I do know Jody Wilson-Raybould. She's a strong voice for BC. She's a strong voice for indigenous peoples. And to have her in such a significant position was comforting to me and to those of us who want to make progress on reconciliation. How we go forward with the federal government is really up to them. We're proceeding regardless. We have within our jurisdiction a whole host of areas where we can take action. We're going to do that. [sss, pjjh, adv, edu, jtst, tnf, pssg, zpz, mcfd, mjag]

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**From:** Palmer, Vaughn <vpalmer@postmedia.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 4:33 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** me again....

If there is a transcript of the premier at the golden gates, I would appreciate getting that as well please.

Thank you.

-vaughn

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Fwd: FYI - Throne Speech Language Links

Hey, can you figure out what's up with these?

Jen Holmwood  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Farmer, Susan PREM:EX" <[Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** February 12, 2019 at 3:06:15 PM PST  
**To:** "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FYI - Throne Speech Language Links

Hi – it was brought to my attention that only the simplified Chinese language link is working (Punjabi & traditional Chinese are not).

**Susan Farmer**  
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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 2:57 PM  
**To:** Jeremy Hainsworth  
**Subject:** Re: Throne speech text

<https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/41st-parliament/4th-session/throne-speech>

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On Feb 12, 2019, at 2:32 PM, Jeremy Hainsworth <[jhainsworth@glaciermedia.ca](mailto:jhainsworth@glaciermedia.ca)> wrote:

Hi,  
Jen,  
When and where will the L-G's speech text be posted?  
Thanks  
Jeremy

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:54 PM  
**To:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: RESPONSE DUE NOW: Call for Records OOP-2019-90120 RECORDS DUE NOW

Hi there,  
I have no records. Thanks!

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:44 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RESPONSE DUE NOW: Call for Records OOP-2019-90120 RECORDS DUE NOW  
**Importance:** High

Hello Jen,

Please provide your response to this call for records for this request **NOW**. The legislated due date for this request is **fast approaching**. The Office of the Premier is **REQUIRED to provide a response to the applicant by the due date as per the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act***.

Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Jackie

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** Hendry, Jackie PREM:EX <Jackie.Hendry@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: RESPONSES DUE: Call for Records OOP-2019-90120 Records Due January 21, 2019  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jackie,

Also needing your assistance to send out a reminder for this request. Needing Sage and Jen's responses only.

-Amanda

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** February 5, 2019 4:27 PM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RESPONSES DUE: Call for Records OOP-2019-90120 Records Due January 21, 2019  
**Importance:** High

Hello Sage and Jen,

A reminder for this request.

Thank you,  
-Amanda

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX

**Sent:** January 24, 2019 11:23 AM

**To:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <[Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca)>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <[Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca)>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2019-90120 Records Due January 21, 2019

**Importance:** High

Hello all,

A reminder for this request.

Thanks so much,  
-Amanda

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX

**Sent:** January 10, 2019 11:48 AM

**To:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX <[Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca)>; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <[Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca)>; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <[Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca)>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <[Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca)>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <[Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca)>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>; Kennedy, Christine PREM:EX <[Christine.Kennedy@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Christine.Kennedy@gov.bc.ca)>; Wright, Don J. PREM:EX <[Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Don.J.Wright@gov.bc.ca)>; Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX <[Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca)>

**Cc:** Mulloy, Eleanor PREM:EX <[Eleanor.Mulloy@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Eleanor.Mulloy@gov.bc.ca)>; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <[Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Call for Records OOP-2019-90120 Records Due January 21, 2019

Hello,

*Please see the below request and please let me know by January 21<sup>st</sup> whether or not you have any records: (Please note we have already received this request with a different date range)*

**Canvassed: Premier, Geoff Meggs, Kate Van Meer-Mass, Sheena McConnell, Sage Aaron, Jen Holmwood, Don Wright, Christine Kennedy, Eric Kristianson**

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*Records of any analysis – including all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages sent from or received pertaining to such analysis – quantifying provincial revenue implications of the four proposed measures (1. New Operating Performance Payments; 2. Clean Growth Incentive Program; 3. Industrial Electricity Rates; 4. Removal of LNG Income Tax) of a new framework as outlined in the March 22, 2018 government news release in Backgrounder 2 titled - British Columbia establishes new framework for natural gas development. Restrict search to the executive offices of Assistant Deputy Ministers and above.*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From: 11/01/2017 To: 12/31/2017) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY*

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*UPDATE: It is no longer necessary to send records as a PDF. Please send records in whatever way is most convenient.*

*If you think that the search for records will take you over 1 hour and/or the total volume of records will exceed 100 pages, please let me know as soon as possible.*



*Thank you all for your assistance with this request! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.*

***Alison Wensink, Executive Administrative Coordinator***

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 11:21 AM  
**To:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Request for copy of speech

Jan-2019, 13:00

Horgan - forestry reforms & responsive government

By Horgan - 76th annual Truck Loggers Association Convention

John Horgan: Thank you very much for the introduction and for those who -- everyone knows what a joinery is? We were doing a little bit of discussion about that. I worked at the Cowichan joinery many, many years ago on Vancouver Island. We made a door jamb, a window sash and other things. I just pulled the wood and swept up the floor but it was a lucrative business for the owners at that time. I made a little bit of pocket money and it paid for my education.

I also spent some time in a pulp mill in Ocean Falls. I think I talked about that last year. Anyone ever been to Ocean Falls? Bless you. You can't get into a room and not find someone from Ocean Falls. If you've been in the swimming pool, you know that stroke, stroke, turn, stroke, stroke, turn is how you've got Olympic swimmers out of Ocean Falls.

It's great to be here again for my second go-around at TLA. I want to thank President Mike Richardson. I want to thank Dave Elstone for constantly being in our office -- people need to know that he is relentless. I'm not just trying to prop up his career. He is relentless -- you know that. Wherever I go, whether it's talking to people working in the forest industry in the Interior, in the Kootenays, in the north, Dave's always there making sure that I remember my roots as a Vancouver Islander and a coastal dweller, and the importance of TLA issues not just to you in this room but to the province broadly speaking.

To all the board members, to past president Jacqui -- who had the best lunch she's had in five years, I'm told -- and to the TLA staff, thanks very much for the work you do each and every day to maintain and support the good hard work of the members of the TLA here in the room today.

We have a number of members of the Legislature with me, my colleagues from cabinet -- Minister Jinny Sims, Minister of Citizens' Services, and of course Minister Doug Donaldson, Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development -- are both here from the government side. John Rustad and Jordan Sturdy are here from the opposition side, again, also friends of the forest industry. It's good to have a cross-section of the Legislature here to talk about the importance of the work that you do each and every day making it work.

I asked the piper if he know Doug and the Slugs and he said he did, and he was going to -- he said if he'd been given another half an hour, he would've been able to bang out Making It Work on the pipes. Perhaps he's gone away to do that now. I said, you can either do Amazing Grace or that other song you do on the pipes, whatever that one is. It was nice to be piped in again and well done to everyone to make me welcome again. I really appreciate that.

Not only is the TLA making it work but we in government have been doing our level best to make it work as well. It's been 16.5 months -- coming on 17 months, actually, tomorrow -- since I was sworn in as the 36th Premier of BC. I want to certainly acknowledge what a great opportunity, a personal opportunity this has been for me. I am humbled by the opportunity.

I have been buffeted a bit by some of the challenges. Scott talked about the worst fire season ever, which you'll remember was followed by the worst fire season ever. That was my introduction by fire to the office of Premier. It was an opportunity for me to criss-cross the province to talk to people, not just forest fire fighters but people in industry, people in communities, and to recognize the true resilience of BC and the people who have the good fortune to live here.

I hope that the flood season that's about to come upon us with the freshet is not -- and I think it's going to rain for the next 60 days, if I've got the forecast, the weather right this morning -- I'm hopeful that the natural disaster part of my mandate is over and we can start focusing on some other issues. I think many people in the room will know John Allan, who I coerced out of retirement to come back and lead the ministry. John knows a good deal about forestry, as you know, and we're very grateful to have his expertise and experience at the cabinet table assisting Minister Donaldson and government to make sure that when we bring forward policy changes that they're consistent with what is needed in this room and what's needed in communities right across the province.

As your members know and all of you know, the land base is diverse and changing. Many of you have been in the industry for generations. Many of you have just started. I shared a story in the green room -- although I'm colourblind. Was it a green room? -- offstage before we came in about being at a wedding in Campbell River just not last summer but the summer before.

Of course, you're in Campbell River, it's a resource town. My goddaughter was getting married and there were a bunch of young people there, as happens at weddings. Everyone was told by the father of the groom to just leave them alone. Don't bug them. Just leave them alone. After a couple of drinks, as you know at a wedding, often times, people have something on their mind.

A couple of young guys came over and talked to me about forestry. They say, you're not going to wreck stuff, are you? They're really worried about that. I didn't take it personally, nor did I take it as a comment on the NDP. For at least the past 20 years, working in the woods, working in forestry has been challenging. Circumstances changing regularly, government policy changing regularly. Your challenges on the land base, whether it be in the Interior with pine beetle, whether it be addressing the needs of dwindling milling capacity, dwindling opportunities to move logs. It's led to an increase in raw log exports, which has led to a frustration in communities that are detached from industry, but they see wealth leaving BC without any value being added to it.

I know and you know it's a complicated issue but it's not one that we can continue to ignore. With a dwindling fibre basket, the challenges of old growth stands that need to be preserved, we need to find ways to work through all of those issues whether it's public perception or reality. The industry has been and will continue to be under a microscope.

The work that you do is important for your families. It's important for communities. It's also important for BCers. We need to address perception and we need to make sure that our reality is on a track that will benefit the people in this room and the people of the province.

I know that the TLA and others across the province have ideas about how we can renew our coastal forests. There is no magic. There is no solution that will come out of a bag that no one's thought of before. I am confident working with Dave the TLA executive and you at tables around this room and people in communities right across the coast, up and down the island and in the Interior and the Lower Mainland, we can find solutions to ensure that we continue to have a robust forest sector that will continue to provide wealth to the province, wealth to families and wealth to communities.

Finding the right solutions means that we have to work together. Although I'm grateful for the opportunity to speak to you today about coastal forestry, we need to make sure that we're focused on people, on communities and the lives that are so much affected by the work of your sector.

For too long, in my opinion, government's vision for the coastal forest sector has been to ship our natural resources somewhere else. For the last 20 years, employment on the coast has declined by about 40%. Lumber production has

dropped by 45%, pulp production by 50%. At the same time, log exports from Crown land have increased by nearly ten-fold. The impact on communities has been profound. Mills have closed, small businesses have faltered, families have been forced to move away.

I said that I lived in Ocean Falls and Ocean Falls closed back in 1980. I left town and went on to do other things. People left Ocean Falls and they went to Gibsons, they went to Campbell River, they went to Gold River, they went to other places to make money in the forest sector. As time has gone by, the communities to move into have been dwindling. I'm seized of that as a born and raised Vancouver Islander and as a coastal dweller.

I am absolutely committed to making sure that we turn that around, that we ensure that the value that we get out of our forests from our dwindling fibre basket is put to work for you, put to work for your families and put to work for the people of BC. To continue on the track that we're on with respect to leaving too much waste in the woods and shipping too much product offshore without any value added to it is not sensible and it's not sustainable.

I believe there's a bright future in forestry on the coast and in the Interior. Paper Excellence's purchase of Catalyst, I think, sends a signal from the investment community that there is prospects for a greater tomorrow than we had yesterday. That future includes healthy companies, healthy contractors, strong indigenous participation and profitable and sustainable contracting in the industry by the people in this room.

The policy reforms that I'm going to be announcing today are the start of a process. I want to emphasize that. As I was saying to executive members not just today at lunch but in the meetings that I've had over the past 17 months -- 17 months tomorrow -- we need to work together on this. You know more about what's happening on the land base than I do. You know more about how you can better improve efficiencies of your operation than I do. Government can put in place incentives and regulations to develop an opportunity for investment to come here and give you more opportunities to move logs to different companies than the ones you're dealing with today.

How do we manage all of that? It's not to recreate the industry of 20 years ago. That's not going to happen. I get that, you get that, the public needs to get that. I'm determined to return our natural resource wealth to the communities where it comes from, to maximize the benefit to workers, to contractors and everyone that relies on forestry in BC. To that end, I'm pleased to say that we've completed the contractor sustainability review. We'll be moving forward with regulatory changes that will eliminate the fair market rate test, effective as soon as Mr Allan and Mr Donaldson can get that done.

That's the result of hard work by many of the people in this room to make that happen. Doug will have more details on that tomorrow as we roll out the plans. We're moving ahead with other reforms as well that will affect the industry in four key areas. I'm just going to run through those.

Firstly, we're going to rebuild our solid wood and secondary industries by processing more fibre in BC. Simply put, we're going to make sure that more timber can be processed here in BC communities. To accomplish that, we're going to reform raw log export policies. We're going to discourage high grading and curtail the export of minimally processed lumber. This will be a phased-in process and will apply first to new sales through BC Timber Sales programs. Again, this is not going to be the stroke of a pen, a magic wand -- it's going to be hard work but I want to leave no doubt that we are not going to continue to send away unprocessed material to be processed somewhere else, sometimes just a few miles from where we're just having our lunch today. That's not acceptable to me. It's not acceptable to BCers.

We will find a way through incentives and regulations, through carrots and sticks, to make that happen. We know and I know and you know that you can't force people to invest in unprofitable ventures. I get that. You get that. There's no magic here -- it's going to be hard work and it's going to be commitment by all of us to make sure that we can continue to thrive with the forest that we have as we grow the sustainable industry going forward.

Secondly, we're going to improve harvest performance to decrease waste and ensure more fibre is made available for domestic manufacturers, including the pulp and paper sector. This means greater utilization and increased penalties for

waste, creating the fibre recovery zone on Vancouver Island and the south coast to make more fibre available for pulp and other activities.

Thirdly, we're going to take steps to prevent surrogate bidding on timber sales. That will ensure that timber sale auctions are fair and free from manipulation by surrogate bidders.

Finally, we are fostering stronger business-to-business relationships. This means it's going to take a number of forms. As an example, the ministry is going to pool volumes across BC Timber Sales with First Nations and other licensees to ensure that we're finding and maximizing economies to scale so that we can use our fibre more effectively. That's all of us working together -- BC Timber Sales, indigenous communities, contractors, tenure holders. Again, I don't want to leave any room for misunderstanding here. This means things are going to be done differently and that we are going to reduce the number of logs that leave BC and increase the amount of activity that we can get out of each log that you take out of the forest.

This is a conscious and deliberate strategy. I want to make that absolutely clear. It is going to be a phased-in process and it will take time to figure out. We were talking about unintended consequences. What I've learned as a member of the opposition for way too long -- and for John and Jordan, I've got some pointers, I can help you out on getting through some of those dark days -- what I learned as an opposition member, what I learned as someone working in the industry, what I learned over the past 16-and-a-bit months as Premier is that there are always unintended consequences. Government needs to be responsive to that.

If we make a mistake as we go forward with these four key changes, we're going to be responsive to that change. There is advantage in being a minority government. Again, I keep talking about what we had at lunch. We should've just had live mics here. It would've been a shorter speech. If there are unintended consequences, government should respond quickly to that. Majority governments tend to sit back and say, well, we'll figure that out over time. Minority governments have to figure it out every day.

I have to be responsive to your membership and to people in communities across BC every day. If we make a mistake, I'm not going to hold fast to that mistake because it was mistake. I'm going to try and fix it. That's the mandate that Doug's been given and that's what we intend to do.

Lastly, I want to talk about one area that I think is critically important. We're going to make amendments to the Forest and Range Practices Act to support the revitalization initiative by returning to district managers the authority to manage the land base. They know more about what's going on on the land base than I do. They know more about what's going on on the land base than Doug does. We're not going to second-guess the people you have to work with each and every day. We're going to make the assumption that you and they are going to work in good faith to get the best outcomes off the land, the most fibre to the most people to create the most value for BCers.

I think that transparency is wanted by the public and it will help us with the question of perception over reality by making sure that everybody knows what's going on, why it's going on and it'll be driven by your ability to meet the tests that government has put forward for you, whether it be 20 years ago, whether it be 10 years ago, whether it will be in the next 10 weeks. We have every confidence that you'll be able to adapt.

You in this room and the forest sector has adapted decade after decade to changing circumstances, changing fibre profiles, changing circumstances in the marketplace. Softwood lumber agreements have come and gone. Price have gone up. We've had an extraordinary run over the past 12 months of the highest prices anyone has ever seen. We can't depend on high prices to mask the challenges that you know well are there for all of us to address.

We need to support all of this by making sure that wealth generation capacity in the forest is there for you, for your families, for your companies and for the communities that you operate in. Wherever I go, I talk to mayors, I talk to councillors, I talk to walkers, I talk to contractors. They all have one common theme -- that is wanting to continue to

work in the forest industry that has been feeding families for 150 years at least. It also means reconciliation on the land base with indigenous communities.

My government has undertaken what is absolutely a transformative discussion with indigenous communities. Some of that has been represented on television screens recently in the north when it comes to the differences between hereditary and elected leadership. These are challenges for you every day. These are challenges for government every day. Equally important, these are challenges for indigenous communities every day. It's not up to me or us or you to tell indigenous communities how to manage their government, how to manage the way they work with you.

My job -- our job -- is to make sure that we're making a seamless transition from what we know to what we know we have to get to. A couple of examples that I want to talk about when it comes to reconciliation, two of them very close to me on Vancouver Island. BC Timber Sales recently entered into quite a unique agreement with the Pacheedaht First Nation and the Cowichan Lake Community Forest in what's called Qala:yit Community Forest just north of Port Renfrew in my constituency, and the Huu-ay-aht First Nations have entered into an arrangement with Western Forest Products to purchase a portion of TFL 44 and they plan to acquire more.

The face of forestry will be changing. The ability for all of us to work together remains the same. Again, I look back over what has been my time here on Vancouver Island -- which is my entire life -- things have changed decade after decade after decade. One common theme is indigenous communities have always been here. They always will be here. You have always been working in the forest. You want to continue working in the forest. That relationship can only get better. It couldn't get any worse than it was 25, 20, 15 years ago. We are on the brink of successes when it comes to reconciliation that will open up our economy not just for indigenous communities but for all of us.

That is a task worth fighting for. That is a task that I've set for all of my ministers in every mandate letter I sent out, whether it was to Jinny at Community [sic] Services or Doug at Forestry. We need to reconcile with indigenous communities so that we can all move forward in a positive way. We've seen real results from that in the Broughton Archipelago when it comes to salmon aquaculture. Again, I should've written some of this stuff down.

Just before Christmas, we announced a groundbreaking agreement between Marine Harvest and other operators in the Broughton Archipelago with the indigenous communities there to move some fish farms out of the migratory routes for wild salmon and provide opportunities for continued employment, continued economic development but sovereignty on that land base for the people who have been there for millennia.

People, myself included, didn't think that was possible. Yet there we were, just before Christmas, announcing a groundbreaking agreement that will lead to prosperity on the coast, prosperity on the north island where it's desperately needed, and a way forward for every other sector in the province. The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People is not a veto. It is an opportunity -- an opportunity for all of us to share the benefits and splendour of this spectacular province.

I want to thank you all very much for your patience and perseverance on the land base. I want you to know that you have a partner in me. We will have some bumps along the road but you've seen bumps before. You've overcome those bumps before. Again, with your help and co-operation with the work of newly minted, fresh as a daisy John Allan in the deputy's chair, and Doug Donaldson as minister, we're going to continue to work with the TLA and everyone who wants to work with us so that we can have the prosperity that we all want for ourselves and we want for other BCers. Thank you for the opportunity to talk to you. I look forward to little unintended consequences and lots of optimism and positivity going forward. Thanks very much.

I forgot the important part because I didn't write it down. That was on training. We have the lowest unemployment rate in the country. We're hovering around four to 4.4% unemployment, which means difficulty recruiting and retaining workers. You know that full well. We've been talking with TLA and I and others in the industry about how we can assist with training the next generation of workers in the forest sector. There have been some very innovative ideas coming

from the TLA executive. We're taking that back to Minister Donaldson and Minister Melanie Mark, responsible for Skills Training.

We're closing up Budget 2019 right now. It'll be tabled in less than a month. I wanted to make the commitment today -- and I'm looking at Dave. He's nodding vigorously, so that'll be one less meeting we'll have to have, Dave. That's good. I understand the challenges that you have recruiting and retaining workers, the challenges of training outside of the classroom and how do we make sure that you can bring on younger people, younger men and women who want to be part of the forest industry without it being debilitating for you. Government has a responsibility to help you train people to help your businesses grow. We're committed to doing that. We'll have more to say about that in the weeks ahead.

I don't want to lead anyone to the view that in the next budget there's going to be a windfall for training. We are fixated on trying to address -- I mean, I don't know if you've noticed, I keep referring to young John Allan. None of us are getting any younger. We need to make sure that the next generation that's going to replace the people around these tables, to replace the executives of the TLA, are getting the training they need now so they're going to be there for all of us in the future. When those hip replacements are going to be needed by all of you, we need young people to making all that happen.

That's the last thing I'll say about that. Training money is to come. Thanks a lot.

#### Q & A

Reporter: Just regarding the fee on raw logs, could you just outline what the fee is right now and how that's going to change, and what that change will encourage?

Horgan: What currently exists is what's called a surplus test, and tenure holders can't export logs without having demonstrated that there is no capacity in BC to add value to those logs. We're going to turn that upside-down. We're going to make sure that the committee that had been struck back when the previous log export policies came into place some 14 years ago are revisited, and that, again, will be a phased-in process. There's no specific fee. It's about incentives to those who want to invest in forestry, that want to add value to our logs, and it's also regulations to prohibit the reckless abandonment of the notion that our logs are attached to community.

I'll continue answering that question, because I think it's important. What I wanted to make abundantly clear to the Truck Loggers today, who have been 76 years an association in BC working on the coast and on the island, is that we need their sweat and capital to continue to grow our core sector. But we also need to send a signal to the investment community, that if there are dollars that want to come into our forest industry, we have fibre to meet that demand. We want to reduce the amount of logs going out and increase the amount of jobs being created from our logs.

Reporter: So are you bringing any incentives for companies to come?

Horgan: Yes. And that would be developed over the next number of months, working with industry, working with communities, working with trade unions who have been, again, a vital part of our forest industry going forward. And all of these people working together, indigenous communities, all of the people that have a footprint on the land base, is how we're going to find success. But over time, it's become effective profit-making to ship logs raw. If you're in Port Alberni and you're gone down from two shifts to one at the mill and you see logs going onto barges, that's offensive to you. It's offensive to me, and I think it's offensive to most BCers. We want to revitalize our forest sector on the coast. We want to make sure that we're creating more jobs from our fibre.

Reporter: Just regarding that fibre, you say there's emphasis on getting more of the wood waste out of the forest?

Horgan: That's right.

Reporter: What is the incentive for people to pull that out, because obviously that's in some hard-to-reach places and you can't get as much out of that fibre as you can actual timber.

Horgan: You can get pulp and paper, and we just had a significant investment by Paper Excellence in the former Catalyst Mills in Powell River, in Crofton, and in Port Alberni. They all need fibre to drive those mills. Much of that is found in waste, and we want to make it economical to get that waste to someone who can add value to it. And that means incentives to those who are working on the land when they're bringing logs out, but they also bring waste to the roadside so it's easily accessible. These are going to be incremental costs to those who are working in the woods, and that's where the incentives come in. The regulations are no more leaving piles of waste, they're not accessible to those who want to access that fibre, and that's where you have the carrot and the stick approach to this. It will be a cooperative way forward, and I'm confident that people want to see progress on these issues. Whether they're in the industry or not in the industry, they want to see more value from our forest, and we're intending to do that.

Reporter: Is there an incentive in areas near pulp and paper mills?

Horgan: Again, we've seen a decline in milling capacity over the past 15 years, some 40% reduction. Mills have closed, whether they've been pulp and paper, whether they've been sawmills. And sawmills have historically fed pulp mills, so when you lose a sawmill, you lose fibre for pulp and paper. All the waste that's being left behind can supplement those lost sawmills by bringing the fibre that's needed to market. The challenge is going to be to make that economic, and that's where we're going to work with the industry to make it happen.

Reporter: You received a big standing ovation when you were saying you were going to get rid of the market rate, but silence when you said that you were going to reduce exports and keep more of that here. You're talking about collaboration, working partnerships, all those wonderful words, but it sounds just in the room there, that silence. So how are you going to actually work with the logging companies and get them on your side?

Horgan: I wasn't just speaking to the room when it comes to raw log exports. I was speaking to BCers. And it doesn't take too long to walk down Burrard Street here in Vancouver or any street in any community in BC, and say would you prefer to see logs stay in BC and jobs created from our fibre, or do you prefer to see profits made by sending those logs away? The answer will be overwhelmingly, I want to see more value for my forests. The forests, the public lands of BC, belong to all of you, and everyone wants to see greater value added. The changes that were made by the BC Liberals have enabled log exports to be the easiest way to make quick money. We've seen Canadian companies investing in US mills, not investing in BC. We want to turn that around.

Reporter: So the question is, how are you going to get companies on your side?

Horgan: Again, we start by addressing the contracting issues. You saw enthusiasm. There is still work to be done there, but it's about, how do we bring in incentives to have investments, so that loggers have somewhere for the logs to go? If mills go down, it's not incumbent upon the Truck Loggers Association to recreate those mills. It's incumbent upon us to create a climate and environment where investment will come, as Paper Excellence has done, and start reinvesting in our forest industry. And that means by adding value to our wood and that is a job for government. The contractors that were sitting on their hands today when it comes to raw logs are concerned that the fastest way for them to continue their businesses is to continue with the status quo. But they just want to keep working. And they're happy to sell their logs to a Canadian company, but they don't have any right now. And that's the challenge for government, not for the contractors.

Reporter: I was wondering if you could tell me what kind of incentive compared to foreign companies are Canadian companies going to give to loggers when it comes to processing this wood?

Horgan: It goes back to this surplus test that has been the standard under the former government. We want to make sure that we are providing opportunities for logs coming out of our forest to have value added, or at least minimal manufacturing added to it. That is a challenge for government, not for the contractors that were here today. And again,



I want to stress that I was speaking about forest policy. Some of that will be welcomed by the Truck Loggers Association, as you saw today. The rest of it is okay, show me. And that's my responsibility and Doug Donaldson's responsibility, to show the industry that we're going to put in place the incentives and the regulations to protect what is our commonwealth. These forests, public lands, belong to all BCers, indigenous and non-indigenous. We need to find a way forward that benefits everybody. I think people are going to be excited about this.

Reporter: You also mentioned unintended consequences as something that you're focusing on. Given that these companies are exporting, I'm assuming because it's cheaper for them to process it out there, if it's going to be more expensive for them to process it here, are you concerned about what that's going to mean for say, home builders, given our crisis right now? Just those consequences down the line, if it's more expensive for them to process here in Canada?

Horgan: I think everyone in the room today understands the challenges on the land base in BC, whether it's chasing a dwindling fibre supply, whether we're butting up against protected areas, butting up against old growth stands that are more valuable standing than they are laying down, these are issues that didn't arrive yesterday. They've been here for some time. And what I'm hopeful the TLA and those who are interested and passionate about forestry will take away from these initiatives, is that we're going to do our level best to put in place an environment that will encourage investment. We have the hottest economy in the country, low unemployment, strong growth rate, but our foundational industry, forestry, is percolating along, and there's lots of money being made, sufficient so that major companies are making significant investments in Sweden and the US, but not in BC. That's on us to resolve that, to see how we keep some of those dollars that are being made in our forests, but invest it off-shore. Shareholders are happy with that. BCers are not.

Reporter: The Greens and Liberals are critical of the speculation tax, saying your government is treating people like speculators, unless they can prove otherwise. Do you think having every title holder spend ten to 20 minutes to fill out a form every year is reasonable?

Horgan: I do. The alternative would be for me to say, dear speculators, please identify yourselves and let us know when you want to submit your speculation tax. Citizens fill out homeowner grants every year. You have to tick the box and send it back to get your homeowner grant. I've been doing that as long as I've lived in my house. I fill out an income tax form every year. It takes more than ten minutes, and I haven't complained about that. This is an additional activity to protect our housing sector, which has been buffeted by speculation. 99% of BCers will not be affected by this tax, and I think the Liberals and the Greens are making a tempest in a teapot. The Liberals, particularly, are forgetting that the crisis we find ourselves in was of their making, and the fact that someone is doing something about it may offend them, but it doesn't offend BCers. I'm confident that people will be quite happy to tick a box saying I do not speculate in the real estate market, and go out and find those that are, and make them pay the cost that will bring down housing prices for regular families and provide more opportunities for people to live and thrive in BC.

Reporter: On that note, you mentioned that fewer than 1% of BCers will actually be affected by this tax, so you bring up the homeowners grant as a way to compare...

Horgan: Income taxes. Everyone fills out income taxes.

Reporter: But so few people are going to be taxed on this, so how do you argue that everyone is going to have to fill out this form, 99%, yet so few people it's actually going to apply to?

Horgan: The counterargument is, dear speculator, please identify yourself. And I'm not confident that's the most effective way to identify speculation. These issues were debated in the Legislature. The Greens were fully briefed on it over and over again. The Liberals had opportunities in the Legislature to raise concerns if they had them. They didn't. I think the biggest challenge for BC Liberals is, we're trying to do something about speculation in the housing market, and they did nothing.

Reporter: Some experts in housing, a UBC expert I talked to today, said pre-screening could have been another option. Did you look at other alternatives, and if so, why did you decide on this?

Horgan: Carole James was managing this file. You can put that question to her. I'm not aware that we looked at pre-screening as an option, but Carole could certainly answer that question for you.

Reporter: How is your government planning to track the success of the speculation tax?

Horgan: There's a whole host of initiatives that we brought forward to address the housing crisis in BC, a 30-point plan. We're bringing on more supply. BC Housing has been as ambitious in the past 17 months as they've been in the past 17 years in bringing on non-market housing. We're working with communities to try and streamline processes so there can be faster approvals to bring on more supply. The federal government has taken on a number of initiatives that have dampened the real estate market in metropolitan areas across the country, and it's had a significant impact here in Vancouver. So measuring success for me is, are young people seeing opportunities to live here in homes here in BC, or are they continuing to be priced out because speculators are leaving homes vacant? And again, I want to stress the fastest way to avoid the speculation tax is if you have two or three or four homes, which is not, I suggest to you, the position of the majority of BCers, you can avoid the speculation tax by renting that second or third or fourth home in certain parts of BC, Metro Vancouver, the Lower Island, Nanaimo and Kelowna, you can avoid that by bringing that housing stock onto the market, which will drive down rent costs and address zero vacancy rates in some communities. That's how I measure success.

Reporter: What's being done to make sure homeowners understand the consequences of failing to fill out that form?

Horgan: I want to spend a minute on that. The consequences will be, if you find yourselves being advised that you're speculating on the real estate market and you're not, that can be resolved by a phone call and a conversation with the Ministry of Finance. We are not setting out to make life difficult for people. We're setting out to make sure that we're capturing the speculators. And the best way to do that is to say to homeowners, is your home occupied? That's pretty much what we're doing, here, and I don't think that's onerous, and I'm fairly confident that the benefit to the housing market, the benefit to BCers, will far outweigh the time it will take people to say that.

Reporter: There's going to be over a million homes that will be registered. Who is going to police this and check to see if what these people say is true?

Horgan: The Ministry of Finance has been working on this. It's the first tax of its kind in the country. We've been working for coming onto 18 months on this file. We talked about it in opposition. We've implemented it as government. And we're going to monitor it as it goes forward, and if there are issues that we need to address, we'll address them.

Reporter: Have you crunched the numbers in terms of what the amount will be of rental stock that could possibly come back into these markets that you talked about?

Horgan: We haven't, but we know that there are vacant homes, certainly in Vancouver. That's been identified by the work that was done by the former council to identify vacant homes and address that. But we do know that we have low vacancy rates in places like Kelowna, Victoria, Nanaimo, and if we can bring more stock on without having to build new stock, in other words, if there are homes that are now sitting vacant that we can now occupy with renters, that's going to be a net benefit to the community. A 30-point plan that includes a whole range of issues to address what was the most important issue during the election campaign. And again, I speak to my friends in the Liberal party, perhaps if they had awoken to this issue sooner, they wouldn't be in opposition complaining about it today.

Reporter: The speculation tax, do you think that seniors may get confused, since they don't know what they are doing?

Horgan: I don't think that seniors don't know what they're doing, but if there are challenges, we're going to make sure that we're there to help people along the way. We can do this by phone, you can do it online, you can do it by mail, and

if you make a mistake, we'll be quick to resolve it. There's not going to be penalties on people who make a mistake. There will be penalties on those who are purchasing real estate and leaving it vacant. Speculating in our marketplace has led to a ridiculous increase in housing costs. We want to drive that down. The public wants us to drive that down, and 99% of BCers will not be affected by this at all. We're asking them to fill out a form as they do their income taxes, as they do their homeowner grants, in the interest of helping the next generation of BCers find a place to live. [sss, zpz, forr, tnf, ctz, adv, lbrr, jtst, fin, pjrh, zza]

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If not, I'll send the speaking notes (check against delivery etc)

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Good morning, Sage!

Do you happen to know if a transcript exists of John's speech at the TLA Convention this year? I know it's a very busy week so no rush, this can definitely wait. Thank you!

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**From:** Kevin Peachey <Kevin.Peachey@ausfpa.com.au>  
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To whom it may concern,

I write from Australia to request a copy of a recent speech made by Hon. John Horgan at the annual Truck Loggers Convention regarding the Forest policy reforms to rebuild the coastal forest sector (<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2019PREM0003-000046>).

We have interest in the issue, and I cannot seem to find a copy of the speech online anywhere.

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards,

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Hi Jen,

MA for the Moosehide event is attached for you approval.

Thanks!

Danielle

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Good morning, Everyone -

Over to Danielle to stickhandle with the Premier's People.

After much discussion, we have chosen 3:40 this afternoon - after the Premier's media avail.  
But if you want another time, that's an easy change for us.

Distribution as Sharon noted - Victoria, the Gallery and Indigenous media.

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#### MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan will walk with Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Rob Fleming, Minister of Education; and Moose Hide Campaign co-founders Paul and Raven Lacerte; from Thunderbird Park to the steps of the Parliament Buildings to mark Moose Hide Campaign Day and make an announcement about youth education and the Moose Hide Campaign.

Members of B.C.'s legislative assembly, First Nations leaders and supporters of the campaign, including many youth representatives, will gather on the steps of the Parliament Buildings to stand together to pledge their support to the campaign to stop violence toward women and children.

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Looks fine – should it not read “warmest greetings” (not greeting) in the first para?

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**Subject:** BC FGA letter

Hello Jen,

The attached incorporates one note from Jessica in AGRI, and we’re hoping you can also review it in time for us to deliver by today’s end-of-day deadline to the contact.

Thank you,  
Shandi



## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
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CKNW, 12-Feb-2019 07:09

Horgan - throne speech & money laundering By CKNW Jon McComb Jon McComb: The snow is not going to prevent the BC Legislature from resuming its business today. A new session of the Legislature will open with a throne speech this afternoon, but all of this is going to occur under a cloud because the Speaker, Darryl Plecas, has raised the stakes in recent days, telling one news outlet that in the ongoing financial investigation that elected members, MLAs, have broken the law. His chief of staff, Alan Mullen, says people are going to jail.

Joining me on the line now is the Premier of the province, John Horgan. I bet you wish that they had gone for snow blowers rather than log splitters by now, hey?

John Horgan: No kidding. I've got about -- just heading towards a foot and a half of snow at my place out west of Victoria. So it's going to be a long commute this morning, without any doubt, but yeah, that would have been a more useful tool to have, I think, than a wood splitter. No question about that.

McComb: Let's talk about the session. There's, of course, the government has a long list of things it wants to accomplish, but all of that seems to be overshadowed by the ongoing focus on what the Speaker, Darryl Plecas, and his chief of staff have had to say. Do you think there's a cloud over the Legislature because of these latest accusations?

Horgan: Certainly the Speaker has done an investigation of the Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms and has passed that information on to the RCMP. As far as I'm aware, and I've made inquiries, there is no investigation of any MLAs at this time. That's not to say there won't be in the future, Jon. I can't predict that. But I would have obviously preferred to go into the session -- we're excited about our victory in the Nanaimo byelection; renewed enthusiasm within the group to carry on with an agenda working for people on things they care about -- health care, child care, education, housing -- and that's going to obviously -- I can hear the questions ringing in my ear already when I arrive at the Legislature, and that's fair enough.

That's our responsibility to address those issues when they come up, but Mr Plecas has made some serious allegations and we'll just wait to see if they follow up with investigations as a result of those.

McComb: His chief of staff, Mr Mullen, is saying people are going to jail. That's pretty cut and dried. There's no dodging around or hinting around at it. He says people are going to jail and that must send shivers through MLAs' backs at the Legislature. Who's going to jail?

Horgan: Yeah, well, it's not a concern of mine, personally. I believe that I've acted within the rules since the day I was elected. I'm absolutely convinced that my colleagues feel the same way. Mr Mullen is new to the Legislature -- recently arrived -- and those allegations he'll have to be accountable for. He doesn't lay charges, he doesn't prosecute cases, the RCMP do and the Attorney General's ministry does. So I'll leave it up to those professionals to manage these issues going forward, Jon.

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### Horgan - throne speech & money laundering

*By CKNW Jon McComb*

Jon McComb: The snow is not going to prevent the BC Legislature from resuming its business today. A new session of the Legislature will open with a throne speech this afternoon, but all of this is going to occur under a cloud because the Speaker, Darryl Plecas, has raised the stakes in recent days, telling one news outlet that in the ongoing financial investigation that elected members, MLAs, have broken the law. His chief of staff, Alan Mullen, says people are going to jail.

Joining me on the line now is the Premier of the province, John Horgan. I bet you wish that they had gone for snow blowers rather than log splitters by now, hey?

John Horgan: No kidding. I've got about -- just heading towards a foot and a half of snow at my place out west of Victoria. So it's going to be a long commute this morning, without any doubt, but yeah, that would have been a more useful tool to have, I think, than a wood splitter. No question about that.

McComb: Let's talk about the session. There's, of course, the government has a long list of things it wants to accomplish, but all of that seems to be overshadowed by the ongoing focus on what the Speaker, Darryl Plecas, and his chief of staff have had to say. Do you think there's a cloud over the Legislature because of these latest accusations?

Horgan: Certainly the Speaker has done an investigation of the Clerk and the Sergeant-at-Arms and has passed that information on to the RCMP. As far as I'm aware, and I've made inquiries, there is no investigation of any MLAs at this time. That's not to say there won't be in the future, Jon. I can't predict that. But I would have obviously preferred to go into the session -- we're excited about our victory in the Nanaimo byelection; renewed enthusiasm within the group to carry on with an agenda working for people on things they care about -- health care, child care, education, housing -- and that's going to obviously -- I can hear the questions ringing in my ear already when I arrive at the Legislature, and that's fair enough.

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Could he pre-tape at like 7:40am?

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Absolutely. Would love to chat with PJH.

My show runs 9-10am that morning. I would be happy to take him live for any one of the four available segments or we can pretape earlier.

Let me know,

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PS - I will be in Victoria to cover the budget on the 19th and 20th if there is anytime in there to sit down with the Premier for an interview I would love to do it.

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Hello Shane,  
We are looking at setting up some 5-7 minute interviews for Premier Horgan on Tuesday morning (Feb. 12) ahead of the Speech from the

Throne. Wondering if you might be interested. Let me know, and we can work with the schedule.

Cheers!

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Looks fine to me. Please just check with Shruti before sending.

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Hello Jen,

Attached is the draft certificate requested by GCPE for Dreamzz Radio that we plan to send out in an on-hand simple black frame. Please let us know if we should do anything differently, and whether we should run it by Shruti first.

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11-Feb-2019, 10:00

## **Eby - ICBC adversarial expert reports**

*By Eby conf call adversarial expert reports*

David Eby: Last Thursday ICBC announced it's on track for another billion-dollar loss. This was mainly being driven by litigation costs for personal injury claims, which have jumped 43% in just five years.

Despite this rise in costs, lawyers are not to blame for ICBC's financial crisis. They're doing their jobs as best they can. [Inaudible] they're working hard to get the best settlements for their clients within the existing system. But that's the problem. It's the excesses of the current system that is the problem, a system long overdue for reform.

ICBC's financial crisis has brought many issues to light related to these dramatically escalating litigation costs, but ICBC's financial situation is not the sole cause nor the sole motivator for the action I am announcing today.

The current system permits unlimited use of adversarial experts and expert reports by both sides in litigation, creating unsustainable costs and unacceptable delays. This is a problem that was identified in our justice system in 2006 by a civil justice reform working group made up of the then Chief Justice, deputy attorney general, the Law Society and many senior counsel.

In the popular press this issue manifests as news stories about adversarial experts who have, for example, written expensive expert medical reports about people they have never met or examined.

The issue of adversarial experts who take one side or another of a lawsuit has also been a problem faced by jurisdictions across the common law world. In Australia and the UK and they have tackled this problem very aggressively.

Unfortunately, the same story is not true in BC. The actions that followed the 2006 report in BC related to adversarial experts paled in comparison to the actions taken in the UK and Australia, and many recommendations were not implemented. As a result, they failed to address this problem, and it has continued to this day.

Unlimited adversarial experts, all paid for by ICBC, by and you me through our car insurance, are just one more example of spending funded by car insurance premiums that does not advance any interest -- not the interest of timely and fair resolution of disputes, not the interest of public confidence in the rule of law or the efficiency of the justice system, and certainly not the interest of ensuring the courts hear from experts that are disinterested, independent and of assistance in resolving a dispute.

The challenge with this issue, as all issues on this file, is finding the right balance between protecting the interests of British Columbians injured in motor vehicle accidents and finding ways to make the current system work better.

Our government has been wrestling with this problem for the past 18 months. In the fall of 2017 I created a multi-stakeholder group to find ways to reduce cost complexity and delay in motor vehicle disputes. I also directed staff at the ministry to review our current legal framework to consider reforms that have been made in other jurisdictions and make recommendations for improvement.

The advice and information I received from both groups led me to the decision I'm announcing today.

We're reforming the Supreme Court civil rules to limit the number of experts and expert reports allowed in certain cases. This change, which comes no effect today, allows each party in a vehicle injury dispute to have one expert and report per vehicle action where a notice of fast track filed -- for example, cases valued under \$100,000 -- and up to three experts and reports for all other vehicle actions.

The only other additional experts allowed will be joint or court-appointed experts, where they are needed, with the approval of the court and the oversight of a judge. This new rule will also apply to actions filed before February 11, 2019, where experts and reports not yet been served.

We hope that this change in limiting adversarial experts will encourage greater use of more neutral, jointly appointed independent experts to help the court determine the value of injury claims and this, over time, will shift the culture of the use of experts in our justice system.

This change does not go as far as the UK, which limits experts to a presumption of one joint expert only without permission of the judge, or as far as Australia, which requires that there be no experts at all unless the judge explicitly permits it.

We believe that the balance we have struck between unlimited adversarial experts under the current system and the no adversarial experts rules of other systems will reduce the costs and delays associated with using dueling experts while preserving a party's ability to get evidence in front of the court. We hope it will encourage earlier, speedier settlement of injury claims, which will reduce the backlog of the courts and improve access to justice.

This rule brings BC in line with other provinces, like Alberta and Ontario, which already limit the number of experts in court but do not include the requirements that additional experts be joint experts or court-appointed, as our new proposal does.

While the UK has special motor vehicle litigation rules, we are not so certain that this expert issue is unique to motor vehicle litigation in our province.

The ministry will conduct additional analysis and consultations to determine whether it is appropriate to apply this change to all personal injury actions.

To demonstrate our commitment to the broader reforms, the order-in-council provides that changes will apply more widely starting in February of 2020.

More information will be provided on this as consultation on the issue continues and as we monitor the effect of these rule changes going forward.

This revision of the Supreme Court rules will change the way personal injury claims are handled in BC. There is no doubt this decision may have a significant impact on how lawyers approach their clients' claims. We hope lawyers will take seriously our intention, successfully achieved elsewhere, that joint experts rather than adversarial experts assist the court impartially with technical subject matter.

I have no doubt that some lawyers will be concerned about this change, despite BC talking about the problem with unlimited adversarial experts since 2006 at least.

In the UK, their more dramatic changes to the use of experts met with dramatic opposition from across the legal sector. However, now the vast majority of lawyers surveyed support the reforms as improving the justice system.

Like all the changes we have announced, many of which will be implemented in the coming weeks, we will monitor these changes closely to ensure they are working as intended.

## Q&A

Reporter: Can you explain how they come into effect now? We have a crummy day out. Will there be a lot of claims from today, just for an example? Do the changes happen now? And what happens with this backlog of cases that you keep alluding to that could be a massive cost to the ICBC system?

Eby: There's a couple categories of cases. There are cases that are both accidents, collisions that will take place before April 1, which will happen under the old rules. But even under the new rules there's about 20% of cases which are valued at \$50,000 or more that will be taking place under the old court rules as well. And so those are two categories of cases, pre-April 1 and post-April 1 worth more than \$50,000, that will be affected by this. And it's why we think the reform part is necessary.

These come into force through order-in-council, so they take effect when they're deposited. We have had discussions with stakeholders on this issue, so the regulation is written. It is in an OIC. It's been passed, and it will be deposited today, and then it takes effect.

For expert reports that have been commissioned and written already and served, those are all fine on a go-forward basis. It's just from today forward that the experts will be limited.

Reporter: You've obviously heard the concern from the trial lawyers. You've been floating this idea for a while now. When you say you think you have.... I think the word you used was a majority of lawyers are in support of this. What are we talking about there? Because some of the most vocal groups....

Eby: I certainly wouldn't say that. In the UK they implemented much more severe restrictions on the use of adversarial experts. You are not allowed any adversarial experts. You're allowed the presumption of one jointly appointed expert. That means that both sides have to agree on who the expert is, and if you want anything more than that, the court has to agree to it.

At the time that those reforms were introduced there was what I've read described as a firestorm of opposition. But now a number of years later, the majority of lawyers surveyed say -- and a significant majority of lawyers surveyed -- that the changes have improved the justice system in the UK.

I expect there will be some lawyers concerned about these changes, and I hope that they understand our intention of reducing these adversarial experts and they support the approach based on the success in other jurisdictions of doing just that.

Reporter: I want to talk just a little bit more broadly. Rick McCandless has calculated that ICBC is now insolvent, and I'm just wondering if you can talk about what the last quarter means in terms of the larger picture.

Eby: Sure. So I'm going by memory, but ICBC has about \$14 b in reserve to cover existing claim expenses, and then beyond that they have significant capital assets. They are not insolvent.

Reporter: You talk about this \$1b, on track to be in deficit again. At some point, do you need to bail this corporation out? I'm just wondering if you can be a little more transparent about where you're going with this larger picture? This change you're announcing today I don't imagine is going to make a huge dent in that billion-dollar deficit.

Eby: This is one of a series of changes we're bringing forward. The major impact we expect to be from changes that take effect April 1 on a go-forward basis for collisions after April 1. The issue with putting money into ICBC -- putting the money back into ICBC that the previous government took out, for example -- is that under the current system that money will evaporate in basically about a year.

We have to address the underlying system. If we don't address the underlying structural issues that are affecting ICBC, changes that provinces across Canada made many years ago, if we don't do that, then you're just throwing good money after bad.

Reporter: But are you going to need to do a bailout for this for this year?

Eby: No. As I say, ICBC has at least \$14b in assets under-riding current claims.

Reporter: How much money does this save?

Eby: There are two pieces of this. The projections are in excess of \$400m. The reality is that it will depend very much on the reception of the courts and the approach of lawyers to this. If it results in a proliferation of applications, if judges grant additional experts on the volume that they were previously granted, we will be facing a challenge of the fact that those savings don't materialize.

Our hope is that the bench and the bar support the intent of these rules, understand why we're doing this, and that we do realize these savings.

Reporter: So the judges could still continue to allow cases, reports, that make your savings evaporate.

Eby: So these are the rules of court, and it's our belief that the court applies those rules, and I understand the court applies those rules. They have an inherent jurisdiction that allows them to ensure that justice is done in any particular case.

So we do certainly, and in the work that's been done by the ministry staff on this policy issue, they've seen, in the jurisdictions where this has been successful, they've had the support and participation of the judiciary in this, And without it, you'll see what some of the 2006 reforms resulted in, which is not very much in terms of an impact in expedited processes, reduced costs and so on.

So we really need the judiciary and counsel to buy into this as much as best as possible.

Reporter: I'll just slide in one more question.

Eby: Sure.

Reporter: Is there any blame that can be put on ICBC for the rising number of expert reports, when we look at some of the controversy in the past where their own list of pre-approved medical experts were in some cases filing reports that were prejudicial against the victims? I know you had to review.... Government reviewed that in 2017.

Is there not some fault to be blamed for the rising number of expert reports on the kind of the way that ICBC went about doing its business the past few years and forcing people to have to get a bunch of experts to fight this corporation?

Eby: A couple of responses. Certainly I believe that ICBC and the plaintiff bar are operating within a very broken system. There are excesses that have taken place on the ICBC side. There are excesses that have taken place on the plaintiff bar side in terms of experts that are brought forward. I remember some work done by the Globe and Mail in relation to some ICBC experts, and certainly an embarrassment for the corporation and an illustration of why it is we're moving to try to reform this adversarial experts system.

Reporter: The Trial Lawyers are going to court and will have a legal case, but they've also raised the fairness question, and I'd be interested in hearing your response. Essentially, the fairness argument is you've got a giant government-backed corporation, a near monopoly, with very, very deep pockets, and also backed by a government that's able to write court rules and the legislation and all the terms of reference and regulations, and there's the poor accident victim or whatever with a lawyer. The trial lawyers are painting themselves as standing up to this behemoth, that the playing field has been hugely unlevel in favour of ICBC and the government and this is only going to make it worse.

Eby: The benefits of the adversarial system are what we're trying to preserve -- the idea that people can have a lawyer represent them, a system and a claim. What we're trying to address is the excesses of the system that don't advance any interests. It doesn't advance any interest to have six-plus adversarial experts on a claim. It doesn't advance any interests to have a \$50,000 expense to resolve a \$100,000 claim. So what we're trying to do is introduce proportionality into the system to have it be that if you have a \$100,000 claim, one adversarial expert, and then joint experts beyond that; if they have an under \$50,000 claim, they go to a tribunal instead of full BC Supreme Court, that there be proportionality in this, and that you still have access to lawyers, you still have access to the benefits of that process.

There are systems in which lawyers don't participate in the same way, no-fault systems. We have not gone in that direction because we believe that if we can make this work, the adversarial system brings benefits in terms of accountability. But I have yet to meet the trial lawyer who will say with a straight face, at least [inaudible] that the current system meets those needs of efficiency and independence as well as it could

It was 2006 that this was identified as an issue, long before ICBC had its current financial problems. And ICBC's current financial problems may have put a spotlight on this issue, but it's not unique to the ICBC litigation issue, and it is one that has been widely recognized in our court system for quite a long time.

Reporter: If this doesn't work, is there a point at which no-fault goes back on the list of options?

Eby: We're very hopeful that the big reforms we're bringing in, the April 1 reforms where it will affect about 80% of claims in front of ICBC, claims that meet minor injury definition and claims under \$50,000, this reform affecting the remaining 20%, it's our belief and our hope that those changes are going to result in putting firm financial ground under ICBC again, bringing the corporation back into the black and getting it back on track to affordable insurance for British Columbians. If it doesn't, we'll



be monitoring it, we'll be watching it, and we'll be prepared to make the changes that are necessary. But it's our hope that certainly these changes will get us there.

Reporter: What's your target date for breaking even? Is it still next year?

Eby: We'll be releasing, with the budget documents, ICBC's service plan, which will lay out the three-year projection for ICBC's anticipated financial trajectory.

Reporter: So Minister, you announced last year this great, big suite of dramatic changes and essentially the message was this is going to fix ICBC. And now we got another fairly dramatic change today. Why wasn't this included in the first package and is it because things just keep getting worse financially at the corporation?

Eby: The changes that we've announced that are taking effect on April 1 -- I'll try to put it in the context of they are one of a series of changes that we're making; everything from how ICBC deals with auto body repair shops, windshield repair, how they interact with people who call up who have been in a collision, bring on additional adjusters so people don't have to wait on hold and have to deal with different people, reforms around where claims to resolve outside of BC Supreme Court, the expensive process there.

This change to the court rules is just one piece of a larger review of the court rules. As I said, in the UK they have an entirely separate set of motor vehicle court rules because they believe that claims are particularly unique and sufficient in volume to justify their own set of rules. So we're having a look at that to see whether court rules for motor vehicle claims make sense or broader reforms for the court rules make sense. So although the biggest changes, in my opinion, are the April 1 changes that are coming in. They're estimated to worth about \$1b-plus. They are just part of an array of changes that we're bringing in at ICBC.

Reporter: How long has this been contemplated? Was it mentioned last year in the survey, or the analysis [inaudible]?

Eby: We've been working on this the last 17 months. We've had stakeholder groups working together on this. We have retained an expert to assist us in the review of the court rules, best practices in other jurisdictions as well to find efficiencies around how litigation is conducted to preserve the fairness but [inaudible] things that cost money but don't bring any additional benefits in terms of resolving a claim. So these changes have been underway for quite some time.

Reporter: [inaudible] hires an expert, does that not theoretically, in some cases, save money? Somebody has an accident, they're expert witness says that's worth \$10m, ICBC says no, it's not, it's worth \$100,000. Does it disadvantage the corporation to some extent [inaudible]?

Eby: What we're seeing is actually the experts appointed by plaintiff council running about three to one to ICBC experts. An average of about six per file versus ICBC's average of about two. ICBC does need to retain experts to respond if necessary. Plaintiff councils do need to retain experts to illustrate their clients' cases and the damages that person has suffered. And so what we've tried to do is find a balance where you can have three adversarial experts on each side and then if you need additional experts to assist the court on a technical issue you've either got to come together and have a joint appointed expert or you've got to go to the court and get the court to appoint an expert for you; that we're not going to allow unlimited adversarial experts anymore.

Reporter: Are you confident that all the changes you've brought will withstand a legal challenge from the trial lawyers [inaudible]?

Eby: We're obviously being very careful about the changes that we're making. We expect they will be subject to multiple court challenges because they have been in other jurisdictions across Canada as they've been brought in. These changes are not unique to BC, but the assembly of them and how they're put together and the bits and pieces taken from here and there are unique to BC. But these types of changes themselves are not unique to BC. They've been subject to court challenges and they survived. So we certainly expect that that will be the case in BC. If not, we'll go back and have another look, but we believe that what we're putting forward is not only lawful, but it's good policy and it makes sense for BCers.

Reporter: And I know you track ICBC spending by the law firms. Is that [inaudible]?

Eby: So we've seen, in the dying days of the old system, a dramatic increase in the number of expenses and some alarming trends. So a significant increase in advertising by plaintiff council in BC. A significant increase in the expense associated with expert reports. A significant increase in the amount of settlement demands made for injuries that are about 20% higher than they were in 2017. So these trends are concerning. They were anticipated to some extent by ICBC, in our projections, but they have exceeded, certainly, our projections, which is why you saw the announcement a few days of adjusting our numbers to reflect what we're seeing.

Reporter: And just one final question on a slightly different topic. With regards to the comments by the Speaker in the last few days that he has suggested MLAs have broken the law [inaudible] people are going to jail, with the House returning tomorrow and from your perspective, as the Attorney General, do you have any concerns about these comments that this place is under a cloud?

Eby: Obviously this is a very sensitive matter -- the ongoing special prosecutor investigation and the ongoing review of what's been happening in the Legislature by LAMC, both on the criminal and the civil side. As a result, as Attorney General, I won't be commenting on it right now and I encourage all of my colleagues to refrain from commenting as well just given the sensitive nature of this and the potential from the perspective there could be some kind of interference, some kind of problem arising from comments that have been made.

Reporter: I was just going to ask on that. I understand you can't comment, but as Attorney General, and also a lawyer, do you have an understanding that any current MLAs have broken the law or are under investigation for breaking the law?

Eby: What I'm aware of, because of the independence of the prosecutor investigation, is that special prosecutors have been appointed, that they're doing their work. They don't come and give me updates. That's why they're special prosecutors. They're independent of government. I don't know what they've been doing and even if I did I wouldn't be commenting on it.

Reporter: Minister, a question on money laundering. We've published stories over the weekend, Monday, on lack of prosecution and showing that one of the issues -- it's kind of a one-off issue that encompasses multiple, overlapping investigations and this thing goes back in time at least a decade. We see that there are more prosecutions of BC residents in the States than here. What's your reaction to this and what can be done about it?

Eby: I think Post Media's done some good work in assembling some of the statistics around this. They've confirmed some of what I've heard anecdotally from people involved in law enforcement, that it is difficult, if not impossible, to get convictions for money laundering in Canada and there is a concern that some of the prosecutions have been farmed out to the US instead of going ahead in Canada, where they should have gone ahead, because of that.

This is exactly what I asked Peter German to look at. I gave him examples of specific cases where it appeared that other countries were well ahead of Canada in knowing what was going on and prosecuting cases, and asked him what's going on. Do we have a lack of investigative capacity? Do we have a lack of prosecutorial capacity? What is happening? So that is exactly the work that he is doing for the province and it's a very significant concern of mine. It started with the casinos. I'm trying to imagine how it could be that no police officers were looking into where this cash was coming from for so many years and it continues, as we see this day, a very significant prosecution for the federal level.

Reporter: [inaudible] can you confirm or deny whether any special prosecutor's been appointed to oversee any case involving an MLA?

Eby: I'm aware of two special prosecutors that have been appointed that are [inaudible] prosecution service. If there have been any other special prosecutors appointed the independent prosecution service would be the place to ask that question.

Reporter: You're not informed of that?

Eby: I'm usually advised when a special prosecutor is appointed, but, as always, I refer all questions related to special prosecutors to the independent prosecution service.

Reporter: [inaudible]?

Eby: So any questions related to special prosecutors, as a point -- the reason why special prosecutors are appointed, to be independent of government, I refer all those questions and matters of process always to the independent prosecution service. Please don't read into that, that there may have been or there may not have been. I refer you to the independent prosecution service. Their policy is if they've appointed a special prosecutor and you ask about it then they'll tell you that a special prosecutor's been appointed, and [inaudible]. [sss, mjag, zpz]

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**From:** Richard Zussman <Richard.Zussman@globalnews.ca>

**Sent:** Monday, February 11, 2019 12:50 PM

**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Do you have Eby transcript?

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 11, 2019 8:34 AM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Tuesday Pre-throne media

Tuesday Pre-Throne media

7:07am- CKNW – McComb  
Call 604-694-6992. And a back up if that line is busy: 604-694-6991  
6 minutes  
CONFIRMED

7:20am – CFX – Ferraby  
Call at 7:18 to 250-920-4619  
6 minutes  
CONFIRMED

7:40am – CHNL – Woodford pre-tape  
5 mins

8:15am – RedFM  
Sameer Kaushal. 5 mins

Fairchild Radio - possible, TBD

Jen Holmwood  
Deputy Communications Director  
Office of the Premier | Government of BC  
250-818-4881

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 4:38 PM  
**To:** Brougham, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: Premier Horgan on Tuesday?

Awesome! Thanks Laura!

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**From:** Brougham, Laura <laura.brougham@bellmedia.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 4:37 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Premier Horgan on Tuesday?

7:20 a.m. works great!

Here's the details of the interview:

- Please ask the premier to phone in at 7:18 to 250-920-4619
- If we don't hear from him by 7:19, we'll phone you at 250-818-4881 (unless there is a different number you'd prefer?)
- The interview will go live at 7:20
- It will last 6-7 minutes
- The interview will be about the upcoming session in the legislature

If you have any questions, feel free to email me back, or give me a call at 250-920-4616.

Thanks, and have a great weekend!

Laura

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**Laura Brougham** | Talk Show Producer

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX [<mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2019 4:35 PM

**To:** Brougham, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: Premier Horgan on Tuesday?

Can we do 7:20am?

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**From:** Brougham, Laura <[laura.brougham@bellmedia.ca](mailto:laura.brougham@bellmedia.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 3:33 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Premier Horgan on Tuesday?

Hi Jen,

We'd definitely be interested.

The interview times I have with Al Ferraby are 6:50, 7:20, 8:20, or 8:50. Our preference would be for either of the 8 a.m. times, as that is when we have our biggest audience, but we're happy with any of those times.

Please let me know if any of those times will work.

Thanks,

Laura

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX [<mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 08, 2019 3:30 PM  
**To:** Brougham, Laura  
**Subject:** Premier Horgan on Tuesday?

Hello,

We are looking at setting up some 5-7 minute interviews for Premier Horgan on Tuesday morning (Feb. 12) ahead of the Speech from the Throne. Wondering if you might be interested. Let me know, and we can work with the schedule.

Cheers!

**Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director**

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 4:32 PM  
**To:** Pippa Reed  
**Subject:** RE: Premier interview Tuesday?

Let's do 7:07am. Can you please send the best call in info? Thanks!

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**From:** Pippa Reed <Pippa.Reed@cknw.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 4:26 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Premier interview Tuesday?

Hey Jen, yes please. When would be good? We have some time 7:07 or 9:07. Thanks!



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**Pippa Reed** | Lead Producer - The Jon McComb Show | 980 CKNW | T. [778-233-7541](tel:778-233-7541) | [@Pippa\\_Reed](https://www.instagram.com/pippa_reed)  
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On 8 Feb 2019, at 3:14 pm, Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 3:59 PM  
**To:** Leyne, Les (Times-Colonist)  
**Subject:** RE: \$\$\$ for Inslee's rail project?

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**From:** Leyne, Les (Times-Colonist) <LLeyne@timescolonist.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 3:48 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** \$\$\$ for Inslee's rail project?

Hi Jen:  
Is B.C. \$300,000 contribution measured in Can or US \$\$\$?  
thanks

**Les Leyne**  
Victoria Times Colonist  
Legislature Bureau  
Twitter: LeyneLes

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 3:55 PM  
**To:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX; Nash, Amber PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Ms. Jen Holmwood  
**Attachments:** 20190208 - Speculation Tax Exemption for the Bear Mountain Resort Community.pdf

FYI

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**From:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 3:34 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Privett, Don PREM:EX <Don.Privett@gov.bc.ca>; Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Ms. Jen Holmwood

Hi Jen! Please see the attached. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

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**From:** Sherri Andrews <sandrews@langford.ca>  
**Sent:** February 8, 2019 3:30 PM  
**To:** Privett, Don PREM:EX <Don.Privett@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, FIN FIN:EX <FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX <Andrew.Weaver.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Letter to Ms. Jen Holmwood

Good afternoon Don,

Please find attached a letter addressed to Ms. Holmwood from Mayor Stewart Young. I would very much appreciate confirmation of receipt of this email as well as confirmation that it has been delivered to Ms. Holmwood. If I may ask that this letter be delivered at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best regards,  
Sherri

Sherri Andrews  
Executive Assistant,  
Mayor, Council & CAO



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Best regards,  
Sherri

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 2:51 PM  
**To:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Call for Records OOP-2019-90685 Records Due February 20, 2019

No reocrds.

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 5:06 PM  
**To:** LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Premiers Vancouver Office <LPPVO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Call for Records OOP-2019-90685 Records Due February 20, 2019

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by February 20<sup>th</sup> whether or not you have any records:

**Canvassed: All Executive Staff**

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*Any and all documents from the Premier's office related to the suspension of the clerk and sergeant-at-arms.*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From **11/01/2018 To 02/01/2019**) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY*

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*UPDATE: It is no longer necessary to send records as a PDF. Please send records in whatever way is most convenient.*

*Thank you all for your assistance with this request! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.*

**Alison Wensink, Executive Administrative Coordinator**  
Deputy Minister's Office | Office of the Premier  
Room 272 - West Annex, Parliament Buildings  
Victoria BC V8W 9E1  
Phone: (250) 387-2987

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 2:51 PM  
**To:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: RESPONSE DUE: Call for Records OOP-2019-90199 Records Due January 23, 2019

In there now, thanks!

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 1:25 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RESPONSE DUE: Call for Records OOP-2019-90199 Records Due January 23, 2019  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jen,

Sending another reminder for this request.

Thanks,  
-Amanda

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** February 5, 2019 4:31 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2019-90199 Records Due January 23, 2019  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jen,

Sending a reminder for this request. Let me know if there are many records and we might be able to get an extension on the due date which is coming up in a couple of weeks.

Thanks so much!  
-Amanda

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** January 9, 2019 11:29 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Call for Records OOP-2019-90199 Records Due January 23, 2019

Hi Jen,

*Please see the request below and please let me know by January 23<sup>rd</sup> whether or not you have any records. Please PDF records into this folder:*

*Please let us know if you need any help with PDF'ing these records.*

**To PDF records:**

- Shift and up arrow to select emails (batches of about 100-150 emails at a time)
- File, Print, change printer to Adobe PDF
- Save in LAN folder

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*Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages - excluding attachments - sent from Jennifer Holmwood*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From 08/01/2018 To 08/31/2018) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY*

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**Amanda Shortt, Administrative Assistant**

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Victoria BC V8W 9E1

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 2:13 PM  
**To:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Farmer, Susan PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: E&N Letter to South Island mayors

Thanks, Jake. The premier will want to see/sign this on Monday.

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**From:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 2:06 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** E&N Letter to South Island mayors

Hello Jen!

We have received a draft of a response to the 13 South Island mayors re: E&N Railway from MOTI. Susan made one minor tweak due to repeated use of the word 'include', but other than that the content remains the same. Please let us know if you would like any changes. Thank you!

NOTE: Once track changes are turned off, the page break in the middle will line up and not look disjointed.

### Jake Rochon

Correspondence Coordinator  
Office of the Premier  
(250) 356-1906

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 1:26 PM  
**To:** Kane, Laura  
**Cc:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: CP - Mike Farnworth intvu request

Hi Laura,  
I will let the minister's communications staff know you're looking for comment.

Cheers,  
Jen

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**From:** Kane, Laura <Laura.Kane@thecanadianpress.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 1:14 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: CP - Mike Farnworth intvu request

Hello again, also wondering if you can pass along this statement?

[https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/b-c-house-leaders-respond-to-staffers-accused-of-overspending?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/b-c-house-leaders-respond-to-staffers-accused-of-overspending?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

Thanks,  
Laura

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**From:** Kane, Laura  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 12:56:02 PM  
**To:** [Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)  
**Cc:** [sheena.mccconnell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sheena.mccconnell@gov.bc.ca); [sage.aaron@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sage.aaron@gov.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** CP - Mike Farnworth intvu request

Hi all, I'm following up on Lenz and James's statements from last night as Dirk is busy today. I'm just wondering if Mike Farnworth is available for a phone interview? I'd just like to ask him for his response to the two officials' statements, as they insist they have done nothing wrong, and I'd like to know whether the LAMC will be making their full written responses public, and if so, when.

I can be reached at 604-692-1167. Thanks so much.



Best,  
Laura Kane

Canadian Press

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 8, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
**Cc:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: PBS Seafood Documentary Interview Feb 10-14

Thanks Jake. I will reply to the request.

Jen Holmwood  
Deputy Communications Director  
Office of the Premier | Government of BC  
250-818-4881

On Feb 8, 2019, at 10:23 AM, Rochon, Jake PREM:EX <[Jake.Rochon@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jake.Rochon@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi all!

Please find the attached interview request for a PBS seafood documentary. We have previous correspondence with the writer, which I've also attached. Feel free to contact me if you have any further questions. Thank you!

### **Jake Rochon**

Correspondence Coordinator  
Office of the Premier  
(250) 356-1906

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 12:43 PM  
**To:** ROHIT JOSEPH  
**Subject:** RE: CBC Early Edition Interview Request

The advisory is below for his activities in Washington. Cheers!

Office of the Premier

### MEDIA ADVISORY

VICTORIA - British Columbia Premier John Horgan will travel to Washington state this week.

Premier Horgan will meet with Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee to discuss regional issues and promote opportunities for collaboration between B.C. and Washington state.

Media can dial in (listen only) after the chamber luncheon in Seattle on Thursday and before Premier Horgan addresses the legislature in Olympia on Friday.

Event date: Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019

Time: 1 p.m. (Pacific time)

Location:  
Rainier Club  
Seattle, Wash.

Dial-in information (listen only):  
From Greater Vancouver: 604 681-0260  
From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S. (toll free): 1 877 353-9184  
Participant pass code: 70829#

Special instructions: The availability will also be livestreamed on the governor's Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/WaStateGov/>

Event date: Friday, Feb. 8, 2019

Time: 11 a.m. (Pacific time)

Location:  
Governor's Conference Room  
Olympia, Wash.

Dial-in information (listen only):  
From Greater Vancouver: 604 681-0260  
From elsewhere in Canada and the U.S. (toll free): 1 877 353-9184  
Participant pass code: 84831#

Special instructions:

The availability will also be livestreamed on the TVW page: <https://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2019021130>

The premier's speech to the legislature will be streamed here: <https://www.tvw.org/watch/?eventID=2019021029>

**From:** ROHIT JOSEPH <rohit.joseph@cbc.ca>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 7, 2019 11:07 AM

**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Re: CBC Early Edition Interview Request

No worries, thanks for letting me know. Out of curiosity, what's he doing in Washington State?

On Thu, Feb 7, 2019 at 11:05 AM Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Rohit,

The premier is in Washington state and unavailable.

Cheers,

Jen Holmwood

Deputy Communications Director

Office of the Premier | Government of BC

250-818-4881

> On Feb 7, 2019, at 10:58 AM, ROHIT JOSEPH <rohit.joseph@cbc.ca> wrote:

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> Hi Jen,

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> Early Edition would like to speak with Premier Horgan about BC Hydro's financial situation and the Auditor General's report. I've already tried Minister Mungall, and didn't hear back. Please let me know if he would be available for 7:10am tomorrow morning for an interview with Stephen Quinn.

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> Thank you,

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> Rohit

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 11:13 AM  
**To:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Minister Trevena from the 13 Mayors of the Greater Victoria Region  
**Attachments:** FW: Letter to Premier Horgan from the 13 Mayors of the Greater Victoria Region ; FW: Letter to Premier Horgan from the 13 Mayors of the Greater Victoria Region

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**From:** Farmer, Susan PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 6, 2019 10:50 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Minister Trevena from the 13 Mayors of the Greater Victoria Region

Hi – sorry – thought I'd hit "reply all" when I responded to Kate. The revised letter is in the second attachment.

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**From:** Farmer, Susan PREM:EX  
**Sent:** February 6, 2019 9:51 AM  
**To:** Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to Minister Trevena from the 13 Mayors of the Greater Victoria Region

See attached.

Fyi – I called Jake at the City of Victoria to flag that the letter has an incorrect title for Minister Trevena, so they resent it.

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**From:** Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX  
**Sent:** February 6, 2019 9:45 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Farmer, Susan PREM:EX <Susan.Farmer@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Minister Trevena from the 13 Mayors of the Greater Victoria Region

Please keep an eye out for the attached letter we should get today and work with Transpo for response.

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**From:** Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX  
**Sent:** February 6, 2019 9:21 AM  
**To:** Machell, Aileen GCPE:EX <Aileen.Machell@gov.bc.ca>; Fogg, Bruce PREM:EX <Bruce.Fogg@gov.bc.ca>; Van Meer-Mass, Kate PREM:EX <Kate.VanMeer-Mass@gov.bc.ca>; Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX <Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca>; Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to Minister Trevena from the 13 Mayors of the Greater Victoria Region

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Leverman, Charly TRAN:EX" <[Charly.Leverman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Charly.Leverman@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** February 6, 2019 at 9:16:00 AM PST  
**To:** "Crebo, David GCPE:EX" <[David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Cc:** "Beale, William TRAN:EX" <[William.Beale@gov.bc.ca](mailto:William.Beale@gov.bc.ca)>, "Sanderson, Melanie TRAN:EX" <[Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Melanie.Sanderson@gov.bc.ca)>, "Papadopoulos, James TRAN:EX" <[James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca](mailto:James.Papadopoulos@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Letter to Minister Trevena from the 13 Mayors of the Greater Victoria Region

Good morning,

Danielle from Mayor Helps of Victoria's office just called to bring this news release to our attention as it is being released at 9:30am this morning. I am forwarding it on just to make sure we all see it before it goes out.

Regards,

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:45 PM  
**To:** Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX; Devereux, Rick GCPE:EX; Horlor, Shannon GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Media advisories for Washington State to go out today -

Agree. Version 1 at 4. Thanks!

Jen Holmwood  
Deputy Communications Director  
Office of the Premier | Government of BC  
250-818-4881

On Feb 5, 2019, at 2:41 PM, Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX <[Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hi Jen,

Attached are two options for an MA to go out this afternoon, 1 short and one long.

Please advise which version you would like us to send out and at what time.

I'm leaning towards version 1 at 4 😊

Thanks!  
Danielle

Danielle Dalzell  
Director of Writing and Content Strategy | Strategic Communications | Government Communications  
and Public Engagement  
[Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca) | 250-893-2096

<20190206\_MA\_PJH\_Washington trip\_short.docx>

<20190206\_MA\_PJH\_Washington trip\_long.docx>

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:10 PM  
**To:** Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX; Lee, Tara (GOV)  
**Subject:** RE: Inslee to host British Columbia Premier Horgan in Seattle and Olympia this week: TEST

I think we can send ours out today as well. Would be good to have them somewhat aligned.

An email for me is fine as well.

Thanks all!

**Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director**  
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**From:** Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:07 PM  
**To:** Lee, Tara (GOV) <tara.lee@gov.wa.gov>  
**Cc:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: Inslee to host British Columbia Premier Horgan in Seattle and Olympia this week: TEST

Yes, we sent the info bulletin yesterday, but it didn't have media avail info.

We are going to send out a separate, shorter advisory tomorrow. But we could move that up to today.

Copying Jen Holmwood, Deputy Coms director in the PO on this for her input.

Jen, what are your thoughts on timing?

Thanks!

Danielle Dalzell  
Director of Writing and Content Strategy | Strategic Communications | Government Communications and Public Engagement  
[Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca) | 250-893-2096

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**From:** Lee, Tara (GOV) <tara.lee@gov.wa.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 2:01 PM  
**To:** Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX <[Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Inslee to host British Columbia Premier Horgan in Seattle and Olympia this week: TEST

I am getting final review from our team. Ideally today, I think. Sounds like yours already went out yesterday afternoon, correct?

Do you want to include an email for Jen Holmwood? Or is the phone number sufficient?



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**From:** Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX <[Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:58 PM  
**To:** Lee, Tara (GOV) <[tara.lee@gov.wa.gov](mailto:tara.lee@gov.wa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Inslee to host British Columbia Premier Horgan in Seattle and Olympia this week: TEST

This looks great. When do you want to send out?

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**From:** Lee, Tara (GOV) <[tara.lee@gov.wa.gov](mailto:tara.lee@gov.wa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:29 PM  
**To:** Dalzell, Danielle GCPE:EX <[Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Danielle.Dalzell@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Inslee to host British Columbia Premier Horgan in Seattle and Olympia this week: TEST

Here is the draft advisory. I took the language we approved for the content. I just added the media schedule below. Let me know if you are OK with this, or would like any changes. (\*We have a style guide where we do lower-case for “state” and “premier” and “governor” if it doesn’t precede their names.

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**From:** Gov. Inslee Press Updates <[press@updates.gov.wa.gov](mailto:press@updates.gov.wa.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:26 PM  
**To:** Lee, Tara (GOV) <[tara.lee@gov.wa.gov](mailto:tara.lee@gov.wa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Inslee to host British Columbia Premier Horgan in Seattle and Olympia this week: TEST

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**February 5, 2019**  
Tara Lee | [tara.lee@gov.wa.gov](mailto:tara.lee@gov.wa.gov)  
360.902.4136

Jen Holmwood, Office of the Premier  
250.818.4881

## **ADVISORY: Inslee to host British Columbia Premier Horgan in Seattle and Olympia this week**

British Columbia Premier John Horgan will travel to Washington state this week.

The premier will meet with Gov. Jay Inslee to discuss regional issues and promote opportunities for collaboration between B.C. and Washington State.

The two-day trip will include speaking engagements and meetings with government and business leaders in Seattle and Olympia, including Microsoft and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

Premier Horgan will give a formal address to the Washington State Legislature on Friday.

The premier will also participate in a CleanTech Alliance Roundtable with Washington State cleantech business leadership, to discuss collaboration with the BC cleantech sector.

The two leaders have committed to act jointly to fight climate change, increase connectivity and transportation links, grow the innovation economy and tech sector, grow mutually beneficial trade, and create good jobs for people on both sides of the border.

The trip marks the fourth meeting between Horgan and Inslee in the 18 months Horgan has been premier.

#### **Thursday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 PM – Inslee and Horgan joint media availability  
Location: Rainier Club, Seattle

The avail will be [livestreamed](#) on the governor's Facebook page.

#### **Friday, Feb. 8**

11:00 AM – Signing of memorandum of understanding and media availability  
Location: Governor's Conference Room

12:15 PM – Premier Horgan addresses Joint Session of the Legislature

TVW intends to [livestream](#) the ability and the premier's address.

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:56 PM  
**To:** Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Today's Approvals request

Approved. Thanks.

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**From:** Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:56 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Today's Approvals request

Good morning, Jen,

In Susan's absence, are you able to approve the attached two greeting drafts that are due today?

Thank you,  
Shandi Shiach  
Administrative Assistant  
Correspondence Branch | Office of the Premier  
(778) 974-4144

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 12:08 PM  
**To:** Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: MA - Throne Speech

Looks good. Thanks!

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**From:** Byers, Lindsay GCPE:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019 10:25 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** McGregor, Cara GCPE:EX <Cara.McGregor@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** MA - Throne Speech

Hi Jen,

Attached, please find attached for your review, the MA for Throne Speech 2019.

Best,

**Lindsay Byers**  
Media Relations Officer  
Government Communications and Public Engagement  
P: 778.678.5539  
E: [Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca)

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 2:57 PM  
**To:** Hunter, Justine  
**Subject:** Seattle

They're flying to Seattle Wednesday evening.

**Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director**

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: OOP consultation JTT-2018-87484, 10 pages, Response due Feb. 7, 2019

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 31, 2019 12:29 PM  
**To:** Oreck, Mira PREM:EX <Mira.Oreck@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** OOP consultation JTT-2018-87484, 10 pages, Response due Feb. 7, 2019

Hi Mira and Jen,

The Ministry of Jobs, Trade and Technology has received this FOI request from a Political Party:

*Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages – excluding attachments – sent from the Minister's Ministerial Assistant(s), where such a position existed and was staffed. (Date Range for Record Search: From: 07/01/2018 To: 07/31/2018)*

They identified the attached pages as responsive records. Could you please review the below pages and please let me know if you have any concerns with the disclosure of the emails you authored?

Mira – pages 2-5, 8, 9  
Jen – pages 6 and 10

Thank you so much,

Alison

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 1:51 PM  
**To:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: REMINDER: Call for Records OOP-2018-88003 Records Due January 7, 2019

I do not hold the final copies of these materials. Thanks!

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 11:04 AM  
**To:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** REMINDER: Call for Records OOP-2018-88003 Records Due January 7, 2019  
**Importance:** High

Hello Sheena, Jen and Sage,

Another reminder for this request.

Thanks,  
-Amanda

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** January 24, 2019 11:12 AM  
**To:** Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RESPONSE NEEDED: Call for Records OOP-2018-88003 Records Due January 7, 2019  
**Importance:** High

Hi,

Another reminder for this request.

Thank you,  
-Amanda

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** January 17, 2019 3:18 PM  
**To:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2018-88003 Records Due January 7, 2019

Hello,

Reminder for this request.

Thanks so much!

Alison

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX

**Sent:** December 28, 2018 11:45 AM

**To:** Nash, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Nash@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Call for Records OOP-2018-88003 Records Due January 7, 2019

*Hello,*

*Please see the below request and please let me know by January 7<sup>th</sup> whether or not you have any records:*

**Canvassed: Amber, Sage, Jen, Sheena**

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*A copy of all final speaking notes/speech records prepared for and/or delivered by the Premier or anyone representing the Premier.*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From 10/01/2017 To 10/31/2017) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY*

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*UPDATE: It is no longer necessary to send records as a PDF. Please send records in whatever way is most convenient.*

*Thank you all for your assistance with this request! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.*

**Alison Wensink, Executive Administrative Coordinator**

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Room 272 - West Annex, Parliament Buildings

Victoria BC V8W 9E1

Phone: (250) 387-2987



## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 1:50 PM  
**To:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: REMINDER: Call for Records OOP-2019-90230 Records Due January 23, 2019  
**Attachments:** NR

Please find attached.

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 1:29 PM  
**To:** McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>; Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Oreck, Mira PREM:EX <Mira.Oreck@gov.bc.ca>; Loubert, Danny PREM:EX <Danny.Loubert@gov.bc.ca>; Basi, Selena PREM:EX <Selena.Basi@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** REMINDER: Call for Records OOP-2019-90230 Records Due January 23, 2019  
**Importance:** High

Hello All,

A reminder for this request.

Thank you,  
-Amanda

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** January 16, 2019 12:49 PM  
**To:** LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP PO Deputy Minister <LPPODM@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Premiers Vancouver Office <LPPVO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Call for Records OOP-2019-90230 Records Due January 23, 2019

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by January 23<sup>rd</sup> whether or not you have any records:

**Canvassed: All staff**

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*All records regarding ride-sharing company Kater and affiliates.*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From 06/01/2015 To 01/08/2019) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY*

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UPDATE: It is no longer necessary to send records as a PDF. Please send records in whatever way is most convenient.

If you think that the search for records will take you over 1 hour and/or the total volume of records will exceed 100 pages, please let me know as soon as possible.

*Thank you all for your assistance with this request! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.*

***Alison Wensink, Executive Administrative Coordinator***

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*Room 272 - West Annex, Parliament Buildings*

*Victoria BC V8W 9E1*

*Phone: (250) 387-2987*

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 1:46 PM  
**To:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2019-90221 Records Due January 23, 2019

No records. Thanks.

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, January 28, 2019 1:55 PM  
**To:** Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>; Hockin, Amber PREM:EX <Amber.Hockin@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>; Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Geary, Vanessa PREM:EX <Vanessa.Geary@gov.bc.ca>; Wade, Debbie PREM:EX <Debbie.Wade@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Reminder: Call for Records OOP-2019-90221 Records Due January 23, 2019  
**Importance:** High

Hello all,

Sending a reminder for this request:

**Amber, Sheena, Jen, Vanessa:** needing your responses

**Debbie:** needing yours and Geoff's responses

Thanks so much,  
-Amanda

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** January 10, 2019 10:28 AM  
**To:** LP PO Executive Office <LPPOEO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; LP Premiers Vancouver Office <LPPVO@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Call for Records OOP-2019-90221 Records Due January 23, 2019

Hello,

Please see the below request and please let me know by January 23<sup>rd</sup> whether or not you have any records: **(Please note the date range is only 1 day)**

**Canvassed: All Executive staff**

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*All records documenting communications between the Premier's Office (Executive Branch) and the Minister/Minister's Office, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From 01/07/2019 To 01/07/2019) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY*

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*If you think that the search for records will take you over 1 hour and/or the total volume of records will exceed 100 pages, please let me know as soon as possible.*

*Thank you all for your assistance with this request! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.*

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 12:48 PM  
**To:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: OVERDUE: REMINDER: Call for Records OOP-2019-90081 Records Due January 18, 2019  
**Attachments:** NR

Please see attached. Thanks!

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 11:01 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** OVERDUE: REMINDER: Call for Records OOP-2019-90081 Records Due January 18, 2019  
**Importance:** High

Hi Jen,

Another reminder for this request.

Thank you,

Alison

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** January 28, 2019 1:37 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** REMINDER: Call for Records OOP-2019-90081 Records Due January 18, 2019

Hi Jen,

Reminder for this request.

Thank you,

Alison

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**From:** OOP FOI PREM:EX  
**Sent:** January 4, 2019 3:44 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Call for Records OOP-2019-90081 Records Due January 18, 2019

Hello Jen,

Please see the below request and please let me know by January 18<sup>th</sup> whether or not you have any records:

**Canvassed: Jen Holmwood**

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*All communications sent or received by Jennifer Holmwood regarding Meng Wanzhou.*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From 11/23/2018 To 01/03/2019) Date Format is MM/DD/YYYY*

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*UPDATE: It is no longer necessary to send records as a PDF. Please send records in whatever way is most convenient.*

*Thank you all for your assistance with this request! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.*

**Amanda Shortt, Administrative Assistant**

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*Room 272 - West Annex, Parliament Buildings*

*Victoria BC V8W 9E1*

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 11:00 AM  
**To:** 'Shaw, Rob'  
**Subject:** RE: Kater

Cool.

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**From:** Shaw, Rob <rshaw@postmedia.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 10:31 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Re: Kater

Ok thanks!

Didn't get much of an answer from Trevena... Saltman is following up with Dave Crebo to try and get some clarity from her ministry, etc.

Rob

**ROB SHAW**  
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**From:** Jen Holmwood <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 10:29 AM  
**To:** Postmedia Inc <[rshaw@postmedia.com](mailto:rshaw@postmedia.com)>  
**Subject:** Kater

Hello!

Overheard you were asking about Kater today and thought the following might be of interest, regarding the Liberals' involvement with Kater as well:

- In March 2017, right before the last election the former Transportation Minister announced: "The Province will invest up to \$1 million to help the taxi industry develop an app with the capability of shared dispatch to allow the taxi sector provincewide to better compete with new entrants to the market, and allow the public to hail and pay for a taxi with a smartphone in the same way that they would for a ride-sharing service."

- During the leadership race Todd Stone wrote on facebook about Kater: “We need a made in BC solution to embrace disruptive technologies such as ridesharing and improve transportation services for the public. A balanced approach that provides more choice for consumers, allows people to access all taxi and ridesharing services easily, while at the same time ensuring a level playing field for hardworking British Columbians who’ve invested their livelihoods into traditional transportation operations. A concept supported by the entire taxi industry and developed by a Surrey company appears to accomplish this. As leader of the BC Liberal Party, I would push to make this approach a reality.” He later removed the post for unknown reasons.
- A director for Kater, Monte Sikka, has donated \$7500 dollars to the BC Liberals.

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 1:31 PM  
**To:** Jeremy Allingham  
**Subject:** RE: CBC Radio request

Hi Jeremy,

The Premier is not available. Perhaps check in with the Environment Minister's office? He's the one speaking on this issue today.

Cheers,  
Jen

**From:** Jeremy Allingham <jeremy.allingham@cbc.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 1:12 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** CBC Radio request

Hi there,

I hope you're well today. I work for 'On the Coast'. We are hoping the Premier might join us at 5:50 today for 7 minutes to discuss the NEB decision on TMX.

Please let me know.

-Jeremy

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Jeremy Allingham  
Story Producer  
CBC Radio One  
604-662-6138

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 1:14 PM  
**To:** Farmer, Susan PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: another last-minute request

Separate certificates is fine and this looks good. Thanks.

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**From:** Farmer, Susan PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2019 12:55 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** another last-minute request

Hi – we just got this & I've been in touch with the woman who was asking for a congrats msg. I think having 5 separate certificates would probably be better than trying to write a msg that incorporates the 5 ppl being recognized.

I've asked for more info about those selected, but haven't rec'd anything.

Let me know what you think of the attached draft (& see the accompanying incoming materials).

The plan is to email the pdfs by end of day, with originals to follow by mail.

### **Susan Farmer**

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 5:27 PM  
**To:** Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX  
**Subject:** Re: Greeting for review

Thanks, it's approved from me.

Jen Holmwood  
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On Feb 21, 2019, at 5:26 PM, Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX <[Shandi.Shiach@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Shandi.Shiach@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Hello,

I was able to reach the event contact and offer to send the message first thing tomorrow morning instead.

I'll be in promptly and can ask Susan to review it then.

Thanks again,  
Shandi

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**From:** Shiach, Shandi PREM:EX  
**Sent:** February 21, 2019 4:51 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <[Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Greeting for review

Hello Jen,

Thank you for accommodating the late draft, attached. I look forward to your feedback.

Thank you,  
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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 10:55 AM  
**To:** Shaw, Rob  
**Subject:** RE: premier on LNG legislation

Hi,

I think the premier has answered a bit of your question in QP now, but for more context: While we've already implemented some elements of the LNG framework through regulation, we'll be bringing in legislation later this spring to implement the remaining elements. We've been working to finalize an agreement on the operating performance payments LNG Canada will make to replace deferred PST on construction costs. At the same time as we introduce the LNG framework bill, we'll be tabling the final agreement with the company.

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**From:** Shaw, Rob <rshaw@postmedia.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 10:40 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** premier on LNG legislation

Can I get some clarity on the premier's comment in QP about LNG legislation coming soon? What's he talking about here?  
Given I spoke to him about it last year, etc  
<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/politics/horgan-considers-ways-to-pass-lng-canada-project-without-a-vote>

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:13 AM  
**To:** Smith, Mat GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX; Ferguson, Stephanie GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Purple net project

Hi!

I don't have much more other than the Premier mentioning that he'd like to be involved on social media somehow - so if that's already the plan, great!

Jen

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From: Smith, Mat GCPE:EX  
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:12 AM  
To: Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
Cc: Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX <Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca>; Ferguson, Stephanie GCPE:EX <Stephanie.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>  
Subject: Re: Purple net project

Hi Jen,

Just a reminder to follow up with us on the Purple Net Project. Do you have any more info about what's required for PJH?

Thanks!

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Mat Smith  
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On 2019-02-15, 6:24 PM, "Hardin, Karl GCPE:EX" <Karl.Hardin@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Let's make sure this is in the calendar next week. Thanks!

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On 2019-02-15, 6:23 PM, "Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX" <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Remind me to follow up with you on this next week.

Campaign for big bros- wants him to take part on social media and he'd like to.

Jen Holmwood

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:04 AM  
**To:** Vaughn Palmer  
**Subject:** RE: carole james transcript from q&A in budget lock up tuesday?

19-Feb-2019, 12:12

## **James - Budget 2019**

*By James - Budget Lockup 2019*

Reporter: Minister, the budget papers show a drop of almost a third in housing starts from the last year under the Liberals to your first four years in government. That's a pretty big drop, for one thing. For another, I wonder if it's because everything I've seen in your housing plan so far -- other than publicly subsidized housing -- are tax increases and regulatory increases. Are you not offering enough in the way of incentives to private developers to increase the number of housing starts instead of having them drop by 30%

Carole James: I think, in fact, it's more an issue of timing, Vaughn. When you take a look at the work we're doing with the private sector, a lot of the work that is happening through the housing hub -- you'll remember, in BC Housing, we put together a housing hub which is working with the private sector. There are a number of those projects that are being worked through at BC Housing. I think it's more an issue of timing than anything else.

We're starting to see, as you know, moderation in the market. It's what we're looking for. We're continuing to monitor it. I think it's important to remember as well it's a 30-point plan. You'll see some of the housing coming on that has been approved in the first year. Modular housing, obviously, is there for homelessness. I continue, as I always say, to be cautious in the moderation that's occurring. We're continuing to watch it.

Reporter: ICBC missed its first target, financial, in the 2018 budget by half a billion dollars. Yet, for the year coming, you're saying, no, no, they're going to be right back on track and they're only going to lose \$50m. After missing the first target by half a billion dollars, why do you assume they'll get back on track?

James: Again, back to timing, it really has to do with when the changes are coming. As you know, the attorney has a number of changes that will start taking place now over the next few months. We're dealing with back claims. Because we're dealing with so many of those back claims, you'll actually be better off as it comes ahead. You won't have those back claims we're dealing with.

We're confident. As you know, if you take a look at contingencies, if you take a look at our forecast, we've ensured that there is more money next year, just in case. I'm feeling pretty confident. Vehicle accidents are slowing down. The attorney, as you know, is taking another big chance around expert reports, which, again, is predicted to have savings coming in. I'm, again, feeling cautiously optimistic.



We have built-in -- continued to build in -- a loss and we have actually continued to build in contingencies to take care of that.

Reporter: Minister, you've made a big accomplishment eliminating the operating debt for the first time in 40 years, 40-odd years? Congratulations. Does the previous BC Liberal government deserve a fair bit of credit for that as well?

James: It certainly was the focus of the previous Finance minister. I've been quite clear about giving him credit for the focus that he put on it. I think the fact that we've continued to see fiscal responsibility, we've continued to see strong growth under our government, shows that that's continuing.

Reporter: And so what can you do, then, if that trend continues? You talk about capital investment. What are going to be some of the real-life ways that BCers benefit if they do?

James: I think the biggest piece in getting rid of the operating debt means that those resources can be used for programs and services and supports. I think it's really the difference in approach, as I talked about in my opening remarks, the different approach that we're taking compared to the previous government.

To us, having a surplus simply for the sake of a surplus without having supports in place for people doesn't make good sense. Having the operating debt paid off means we can utilize, through supplementary estimates, the dollars and the resources when the economy is doing well to support people in BC. We believe that will help us continue to see that economic growth.

Reporter: Minister, I think this morning you said the poverty reduction strategy was going to be costed out. Either you said it or it's in the document somewhere. What is the dollar figure attached to the poverty reduction strategy, or is it just generally encompassed in all the new programs?

James: I'm not going to give away the minister's announcement coming in the spring. You will see the poverty plan announced in the spring, the specifics around the plan. It will include some of the initiatives, obviously, that you've seen in this budget, including the child opportunity benefit. That's a major part of poverty reduction.

Providing those supports to families living in poverty will make a huge difference in the poverty numbers. The minister will be coming forward with all those specifics in the spring. As you know, now that we have legislation, we'll be reporting out to the public legislatively on how we're doing in our targets to the public as well.

Reporter: On the supplementary estimates, it's 380 or so, \$400m. Is that in addition to the kind of global figures in the budget? Just wondering if you could explain that. Pretend I don't know what supplementary estimates are.

James: Supplementary estimates provide us an opportunity to be able to take resources that have not been allocated -- so, that are in the existing budget and contingencies or surplus that are existing in the budget -- that will be then authorized to be spent by ministries under their [inaudible].

Supplementary estimates gives us a chance to go in front of the Legislature to ask for those dollars to be put into the budget, which means that we can then use those resources towards programs and services. Just to give you a couple of examples, the English language learning and adult basic education will be able to add dollars, \$5.5m, to their budget to be able to make sure that those programs continue to be tuition-free.

Fifty million dollars for connectivity. That's something that will go into the budget that will then be able to save -- to show that we've got the resources to be able to spend on that area.

Reporter: On the topic of child care, other than the \$9m allocated each year to deal with unanticipated demand, there doesn't appear to be any new funding for child care above what was announced in the last budget. Many were expecting to see us get closer to \$10-a-day child care. Can you explain where we're at?

James: I can. Remember, \$1b was put in in 2018-19. If I just look at 19-20, look at next year, \$366m. 20-21, \$473m. That shows you the increase over the \$1b. We've added another \$300m, so that's why you see \$1.3b in child care. Let's remember the child care plan is phased in over time. Over the next year, you'll see the minister and the ministry doing the evaluation of the prototypes on \$10-a-day, looking at how we expand those, looking at how we provide further support for families. That's why the money is already allocated in the budget from 2018.

Reporter: When you say added \$300m, can you explain what that is?

James: That's, again, resources to support the child care program and to support the budget on child care. It will include everything from the number of families who are now taking part in the child care program. We've seen we're at about 80% of the spaces that are now part of the child care program. Affordability is there for families. We expect that to grow and we certainly hope that will grow around parents who are taking up the opportunity. Those dollars will provide support for that as well.

We're also building child care spaces, as you may know. We're also looking at bursaries to support people going into early childhood education. Again, to expand the spaces and to expand the program, we need to have early childhood educators there so we're providing support for early childhood educators, both on the wage side as well as support through bursaries and programs in colleges and universities to provide support for people to go into early childhood education.

Reporter: Minister, the forecast for revenue from the real estate sector was off, according to the third quarterly, down about \$325m from your forecast. Now you're projecting an increase, again, in terms of sales and prices coming back. Is the correction in the housing market over?

James: No, I believe there's more to go. I think anyone who would be in the Metro Vancouver area, for example, would not classify housing as affordable at this stage. I think in Victoria and the CRD, people wouldn't class housing as affordable. I think we need to continue to look at moderation in the market.

We've already dropped down the estimate, remember, by that \$325m. That's already dropped down in the 19-20 budget. We've already lowered our projection around the dollars coming in from the

property transfer tax. Again, we have a forecast allowance there if we see further shifts. I think we're seeing things move in the right direction.

I come back to my cautiously optimistic approach. I think we're starting to see some moderation in the market, which is what we're looking for. We're waiting to see some vacancy changes. You're starting to see that in Vancouver. There's been a little bit of an uptick when it comes to vacancy rates because it's really both looking at prices as well as looking at the range of housing that's available, making sure we have mobility across the market that will show that it's a healthy market.

Going in the right direction but there's still more to watch.

Reporter: But your revenues are still projecting and counting on things going back up again. I'm wondering how that helps affordability.

James: Again, I think if you take a look at the fact that we've lowered the projection \$325m from this year into next year, we've already lowered it down presuming that we're going to continue to see that loss coming forward. As I said, we're going to monitor the market as we go along.

Reporter: The government has been touting the hiring of 400 nurses and doctors for urgent care clinics and their primary care strategy. There's been no dollar figures attached to this strategy. Do you know what it's going to cost?

James: I can get you the specifics, Pamela, but I think if you take a look at the primary care centres and the approach there, we are taking a team approach. We know there's more to be done. I think the previous government's approach of a doctor for everyone obviously didn't work. We are looking at a team approach through health care. Each of those clinics has a dollar announced with it. I don't know if those are broken down. I'm happy to take a look and see if we can get you those numbers.

Reporter: I'm looking for the sum. Also, the BC Cancer Agency is getting a lift of \$105m over three years. Is that an extraordinary increase, or is that the typical increase that they need?

James: Again, it's an increase in their budget. How much of an increase over their previous budget, again, I can get you the details on that. It's really focused on, again, further chemotherapy and cancer surgeries, and making sure that we can expand those opportunities as well.

Reporter: The property transfer tax, we mentioned it's down \$300m. You've got many measures to cool down the market. How concerned are you that those measures are working too well?

James: I don't think we're at that stage of people saying that housing is affordable, particularly in our metro centres. I continue to hear from employers on a regular basis about the challenges that they're facing when it comes to finding employees. Once again, they'll recruit somebody, they'll take a look at the real estate page and they'll go somewhere else. It continues to be a real detriment, particularly with our hot labour market.

We are at very strong employment numbers, which means we have to work even harder to recruit people here. Part of that strategy is housing and child care. I think moderation, we'll continue to monitor. We're going to continue to watch. I think there's more work to be done.

Reporter: If there is more work to be done, are you open to increasing other housing taxes to have more moderation and to keep the prices down?

James: I think we've put in place our 30-point plan and we want to give our 30-point plan time. As I've said often, we don't control all the tools when it comes to the housing market. Obviously, interest rates, the federal government changes. They make the mortgage rules have an impact on housing. It's both outside factors as well as our 30-point plan. We're going to give that plan time to be able to see the kinds of differences.

As I said, I'm feeling cautiously optimistic about the direction we're taking so far and we're seeing so far. I want to see that continue.

Reporter: The two top-line promises in your election campaign platform that were unfulfilled were the elimination of student loan interest and the \$400 renter rebate. We have in this budget the elimination of the student loan interest. Is this government still committed to, at some hypothetical point in the future, getting that \$400 renter rebate or is that completely off the table?

James: No, we're continuing to work on that piece. I think we've made a number of moves around tenants and support for tenants. That includes everything from cancelling the 4% rent increase, lowering that to 2% which made a difference for tenants immediately. Renters bank, as you know, we're going to be starting to fund those. That's in this budget. That's going to, again, make a real difference for tenants.

We've also put in supports for the lowest income, the most challenged, when it comes to renters -- the Renter [sic] Assistance Program, the RAP program, as well as SAFER. We've included both the amount that people get under SAFER as well as the number of people who get SAFER. We began at the people who are the most vulnerable, receiving that support, and then we'll continue to work with our Green caucus and our colleagues to look at what the renter's rebate could be looked at.

Reporter: I guess, to be looked at, so people who have waited through, I guess, mini budget one and real budget one and real budget two who haven't seen it, it's still a real possibility for next year?

James: It is something we're working on with our Green colleagues. I think, considering we haven't quite got to two years yet, in 18 months, I'd say we've done a fair bit.

Reporter: In this budget, you're giving another \$2.4m to government communications. That will have almost \$38m in the next fiscal year, and another \$6m to the Legislative Assembly, which will have \$83m. When the NDP was in opposition, it was very critical of advertising waste. Of course, recent events have shown that there's a cloud of corruption and waste over the Legislature. I wonder if you can justify these two budget expenditure increases?

James: I think just on the legislative budget, obviously they're going to be a lot of scrutiny on the legislative budget over the next while. I'll save my comments because there'll be a number of people speaking to that budget and to the specifics over the next while around spending on that budget.

On the advertising, government advertising, we are, in fact, looking at how we modernize our approach to advertising. We're increasing the number of town halls, both online as well as telephone town halls. The other big piece that we're looking at -- and that's really why you've seen an increase in this budget -- is we have, compared to the past government, a number of programs and services for people to apply to, to be able to benefit, whether we're talking about the child care program, now we'll be talking about the child opportunity benefit.

We'll be talking about incentives for the CleanBC. We need to ensure that people have that information so they know that those programs are available to them and we make sure that people are applying for them. We put these programs in place in order to be able to have people have the opportunity to take advantage, have the opportunity to see the benefits. That's really why you're seeing an increase as compared to the number of programs and services implemented previously to now. You've seen a huge increase and we need to ensure we have the resources to address that.

Reporter: There's also been a great focus in the last couple of years on money laundering and the casino crime. I'm looking at the Gaming Policy Enforcement Branch. Its budget will be \$19.4m, only a \$200,000 increase, even after Peter German's report made all sorts of recommendations about reforming gaming policy and enforcement, only gets \$200,000 extra.

James: Let's remember, we've separated out the pieces. That's an important piece here, is that the Gaming Enforcement Branch will be separate from gaming. There will be more work to be done. I think you've heard the attorney say that we're waiting for part two of the German report. We're also waiting for the part coming forward from Maureen Maloney on real estate and the financial sector and what areas we need to tighten up on that. Those would be additional pieces that will come forward during this year.

Once we get those reports, we'll be taking a look at what differences have to be made. That will come forward as a budget request.

Reporter: I'm looking at the budget right now. What happened, as I see, there's not much new tax measure. The only new tax increase is from the carbon tax and employer health tax. Compared to the budget on the property transfer tax income in upcoming years, it seems like you're overconfident on how the real estate market will do. Can you give us a balance of, well, there's no new income coming in but a lot of new spending, so how could you balance that?

James: In fact, if you take a look at the three-year fiscal plan, you can see the strength in the plan. You can see the fact that we are continuing to see growth -- leading the country, in fact, when it comes to growth in BC. You, in fact, see prudence built into the budget whether you're talking about contingencies, whether you're talking about forecast allowance or whether you're talking about surplus -- over \$1b in the forecast allowance, \$1.5b in contingencies.

We, in fact, have built in prudence in the budget. We're seeing a good, strong economic growth in BC continuing. You're right -- there are no new tax measures in the budget other than the carbon tax, as you mentioned, and the employer's health tax, which started January 1st, which was, in fact, the past budget.

We have taken an approach, as you can see in this budget, of making sure that the budget is both balanced fiscally as well as balanced in its approach. We believe that's important.

On housing, I'm going to, as I said before, continue to monitor the housing market. We don't control all the levers and so it'll be important to see where interest rates go. It'll be important to see whether the federal government makes any changes on mortgage rules as well. We'll make adjustments as we need to. I think there's still some way to go before people has classed housing as affordable in our major urban settings.

Reporter: I have a follow-up question, though, specifically to the numbers. For speculation tax you expect next year, increased to \$185m from \$87m. The residential school tax will increase from \$951m to \$1.1b. You're having a lot of confidence on the real estate market, meanwhile. In what way you have such confidence in BC real estate market?

James: Sorry, I lost the numbers that you were referring to at the end. Just on the confidence in the real estate market, I think there is no question that BC will always be a desirable place to live. It will always be a place where people look across the country and hope that they can come to BC. We'll continue to see economic growth, which, again, is going to drive population increase and is going to drive people to BC. I think you'll continue to see that.

What we're really looking for is moderation in the market and a range of housing available in the market. You talk to real estate experts and they will talk about the importance of having both affordable tenants, affordable rental, affordable housing, medium housing, high-end housing for people as they improve their own economic situation as they want to expand, the importance of having that range of housing is critical, when we have almost zero vacancy rate and high-end housing, it doesn't provide that kind of mobility.

We're going to be looking in the market. We're going to be watching vacancy rates. We're going to be watching housing prices. And we'll make adjustments as we need to.

Reporter: You've talked about -- on gaming enforcement -- that we need to get the two reports from your ministry and the Attorney General. The AG has also said don't put the cart before the horse. Wait for those.

I don't see a cart here at all. It's a 1% increase for the gaming policy enforcement branch. And you said they are separated out, but there is no other line that I can find that has an increase. Why leave that to requests for a budget increase instead of actually factoring in more than just one or two positions? It's just a 1% increase.

James: I think it's important to make sure that we know what we're funding. To make sure what we know what we're coming forward and making changes on. And we won't know that until we see the reports coming in. We'll need to see where the specifics are around changes that need to occur. We'll need to make sure that we've costed those out, that we've been fiscally responsible about that and then those can come forward for budget requests. So it's really the importance of making sure we're doing the right thing and getting on with addressing the issue.

Reporter: So no possibility in this year of an inquiry at all? Because we've had two cities now calling for it, other mayors. It looks like if we're not even increasing enforcement, which... something we know is a problem, how does that indicate any move towards addressing this crisis?

James: I think you've heard the attorney say that he hasn't ruled out an inquiry, that that's something that he wants to wait until the other reports come in. I think that's important. Work has already occurred on the issue of money laundering and enforcement. We've already dealt with the cash issues in casinos. So in fact, action already has been taken. I think that's important to recognize. But know if there are reports that come forward, there are requests for budget that come mid-year and that could be a request that came forward depending on what the reports show.

Reporter: I see you've got \$9m to implement the government commitments to modernize the taxi industry, enable ride-hailing services. Does that mean that your focused on the taxi industry and giving up on Uber or Lyft services? People have been asking for that for a long time and there doesn't seem to be any commitment towards that.

James: No, in fact, as you know, we have a commitment this fall to move on ridesharing and that's a commitment that we've made as government. These are dollars to help that happen. As you know, we put legislation in place. We're moving ahead with the changes that need to occur and these resources will help assist that.

Reporter: BC's forecast to lead the country in economic growth this year, next year. It's been a category that has led the nation in the last several years. If LNG Canada goes ahead, the province stands to... looking at a windfall in the tens of billions of dollars. I think it's fair to say that BC per capita has become the dominant economy in the country. What would you say is the greatest threat to the province's wealth, to its economic standing right now, as you see it?

James: I think probably -- I think every Finance minister would say this across the country -- it really is global economic slowdowns. I think that's really one of the biggest challenges that all of us could face. We know that China's growth numbers are certainly slowing down. We've seen the challenges with trade with the US. Those kinds of outside factors could have an impact. BC is a small, open economy, as you know. And those kinds of outside factors could have an impact on our economy. We have done a lot of work to try and make sure that we are mitigating that. And I talked earlier in the presentation about diversification of our economy, not simply relying, for example, on a speculative real estate market, which doesn't help grow a sustainable economy. We believe in investing in industry is more long-term. We're putting money back into forestry. We're supporting mining. Tech is continuing to boom. And we're addressing the challenges to the labour market because I think that's the other challenge BC faces, with our strong employment numbers and strong growth numbers, are ensuring that we have the people to be able to take those jobs and so that's why we're investing again in child care, in housing, in job skills training, in spaces at university and colleges. So I think the human resources piece, making sure we have people to take the jobs when the economy continues to grow and then outside global factors I think are something that we have to always be cautious of.

Reporter: Just as a follow up to that, there's been a lot of talk about housing and the market and where it's at. In the scenarios that you are working on and your officials are working on, does any of those scenarios include a bigger drop in the housing market, almost a crash in the housing market.

James: No, not at all. I don't believe we're going to see a crash in the housing market. We're continuing to see moderation. That's what we're looking for. That's the kind of approach we're taking. And prudence that we build in the budget is there really for all of those may or could happen, whether we're talking about trade issues, whether we're talking about ICBC, whether we're talking about housing issues. That's why we have, as I said, \$1.5b built in contingencies, why we have a \$1b in forecast allowance -- to ensure that we have that prudence built in and that caution built into the budget. I'm a big believer in plan A, B and C, and we're working on all of those pieces.

Reporter: Can you explain how these incentive programs for CleanBC will be any different than incentives we've seen in the past and how you'll actually be able to hit the targets, and how can BCers access these incentives?

James: Specifics are going to come, Richard. There... as you know, one of the lines for the environment and for the dollars for CleanBC is contingencies. And it's there because some programs are still being developed and finalized. So once they are, those dollars will be transferred over and provide support for those programs. But if you look at the track record, for example, electric vehicles. We spent the budget that was there. We actually re-allocated this year additional dollars into electric vehicles. So BCers want to do their part. They're keen and eager to make sure that they have the opportunity and so what you see in these programs are expansions. You see longer-term funding, so that it's not just a one time and then it's done. Longer term funding to provide stability. And then you'll see more specifics coming through CleanBC.

Reporter: Can you explain why you didn't do the BC Child Opportunity Benefit this year?

James: It takes a year, unfortunately, to work with the CRA. Our tax systems are coordinated between the federal government and the provincial governments. And they require a year's notice. The new fiscal year starts next year after March 31 and so it's actually a year's notice we have to give them to be able to implement the program.

Reporter: You said you're going to continue to monitor the housing market and you'll make adjustments. What specific adjustments are you open to making.

James: I think until you monitor it, it's hard to know what adjustments you want to look at. So we're going to be watching the market. We're going to be watching the indicators and when we believe that you're seeing a wider range of housing, when vacancy rates are improving, when you see affordability available, then we'll start making some changes.

Reporter: Are you willing to tinker or tweak with the speculation tax or the controversial so-called school tax?

James: I've said all along that if changes are needed, we're more than happy to make changes. Our goal here is affordable housing. That's our goal in all of this. And if we start seeing the market provide



more affordable housing, more vacancy rates, then we're happy to look at any of the measures in the 30-point plan to make adjustments.

Reporter: It's a pretty narrow topic, but it's a number one interest to anyone who travels in the Lower Island is the issue of transportation. There is a study underway for the West Shore, but 13 mayors wrote a collective letter to the Premier and the Transportation minister two weeks ago. And their frustration is when is there going to be money to improve the corridor transportation. It's not in this budget. Can they expect any money any time soon?

James: I know the Transportation minister is paying attention. I know she has received the letter. I know she is working on a response, so I won't take away her work with the mayors, but I know that it's on the top of her list.

Reporter: So no commitment as to...

James: Again, I'm going to leave it to the Transportation minister on that piece, Mary. Thanks.

Reporter: The Royal BC Museum. There's no dollar amount. It's been promised money in the past. Are we looking at a major structural refit because some of these buildings are... hold archive below sea level.

James: They're going to begin with the planning, so that's the stage that they're at now. They're going to receive funding to support them through the planning stage. We expect that could be a good year, perhaps longer, by the time they take a look at the archives, by the time they take a look at the existing site, they look at other sites. So that kind of work is going on and I know, having spent Monday at the museum, I know how excited they are about that process, so I think we'll get a good update probably in a year where they're looking and then we'll have to look at what kind of funding is available. [sss, zpz, fin, maz, mjag, hlth, msd, env, tran, tacz, mcfd, edu, jtst, lbrr, adv, forr, empr]

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**From:** Vaughn Palmer <vpalmer@shawlink.ca>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 7:52 AM

**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** carole james transcript from q&A in budget lock up tuesday?

is there one please?

thank you.

-vaughn

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 2:10 PM  
**To:** Saltman, Jennifer  
**Subject:** childcare numbers

Hi Jen,

Heard your questions to the finance minister today and thought this might help further clarify. Let me know if you have any questions.

childcare funding  
(compared to pre-2018 Budget)

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	TOTAL 3-YR
<b>Budget 2018</b>	182	357	464		\$1 Billion
<b>Budget 2019</b>		366 (+9)	473 (+9)	473 (+9)	\$1.3 Billion

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## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 12:54 PM  
**To:** Wolansky, Allegra PREM:EX  
**Cc:** Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: BNSF Rail Line - Opportunity under National Trade Corridors Fund to work with Federal government on this and Hi-speed line.

Transportation can provide the response. Can you touch base with them?

Thanks!

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**From:** Wolansky, Allegra PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 12:40 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** RE: BNSF Rail Line - Opportunity under National Trade Corridors Fund to work with Federal government on this and Hi-speed line.

Hi Jen and Tim,

Just following up on my inquiry below as to how you'd like us to handle this incoming from MLA Redies.

Thanks!

Allegra Wolansky

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**From:** Wolansky, Allegra PREM:EX  
**Sent:** February 12, 2019 10:27 AM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>; Howlett, Tim GCPE:EX <Tim.Howlett@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: BNSF Rail Line - Opportunity under National Trade Corridors Fund to work with Federal government on this and Hi-speed line.

Good Morning,

Just flagging the below email from MLA Redies regarding the BNSF Rail Line. Could you advise if you'd like us to request that MOTI draft a response for the Premier's signature or you'd prefer MOTI to respond directly?

Thanks!

Allegra Wolansky

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**From:** Redies, Tracy <S.17 >  
**Sent:** February 12, 2019 9:54 AM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: BNSF Rail Line - Opportunity under National Trade Corridors Fund to work with Federal government on this and Hi-speed line.

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**From:** Redies, Tracy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 9:21 AM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Trevena, Claire <S.17 >; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>; Cadieux, Stephanie <S.17 >  
**Subject:** BNSF Rail Line - Opportunity under National Trade Corridors Fund to work with Federal government on this and Hi-speed line.

Premier, happy New Year.

I read with interest that you have committed another 300k to the hi speed rail line between Washington and Vancouver bringing the total to 600k.

While I am excited about the potential prospect of a hi speed commuter solution coming out of South Surrey into Vancouver - I remain very concerned that the Province has done nothing to help Surrey and White Rock deal with the BNSF line.

When we've asked for funding – we've been told the BNSF freight line is federal jurisdiction and that the Province can't put any money in because it might appear that the Province is willing to pay for part of the relocation. However, surely the same argument could be made for the hi speed rail line and yet the Province chooses to fund the hi speed study but not the one that relates to ensuring the safety of my constituents, Surrey South's or Panorama's.

Premier as you know we have had multiple de-couplings which blocked access to Crescent Road for an hour or more at least twice this summer and our community lost a vibrant young 15 year old boy on the Surrey side. We also saw the catastrophic damage to the Pier in December from a massive wind storm, which stopped train traffic because the waves were coming up well over the train tracks. Why is the issue with safety on the BNSF line not worth the Province's investment? \$300,000 is a small investment when compared to the lives of residents.

While the Transportation Minister tried to help with the Emergency preparedness Fund, the cities were turned down for funding. It is clear the Federal Government won't proceed without the backing of the Province.

I believe there is an opportunity to work together on this through the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF) which would also be good for the hi-speed rail line. Last year Robert Dyck with Transportation Canada informed all of the key stakeholders in our meetings with BNSF that if the Province and the Cities could come up with a 'regional transportation plan to move people and goods more efficiently' there could be funding under the NTCF.

As my first presentation to the MOT and yourself indicated, the hi-speed rail line should be looked at in concert with the ultimate move of the freight line. To do them separately will undoubtedly add cost over time. If the Province were able to work with the Cities to come up with a multi-faceted strategy to move people and goods

safely and efficiently from the border into Vancouver and the Ports, I believe we would be more likely to be able to access funding for both the hi speed rail line and the freight line.

Premier in estimates in 2017 you agreed to help me and my community. We need your leadership on this. Residents in my constituency are now approaching this as a sign of negligence on the part of the Federal and Provincial Government as many presentations have been made; data has been collected and the belief is that the governments are deliberately ignoring the situation.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would please revisit the government's position on the BNSF freight line study funding and look at it as an opportunity under a regional plan with hi-speed rail under the NTCF.

Sincerely,

Tracy Redies

MLA, Surrey-White Rock

## Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 12:45 PM  
**To:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
**Subject:** RE: Media request

Yes. This is a party issue.

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**From:** Rochon, Jake PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 12:28 PM  
**To:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX <Jen.Holmwood@gov.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Media request

Hi Jen,

This person is from a group of people who occasionally write us with commentary about Morgane Oger. I just wanted to check with you to make sure I can close this as it is a partisan issue? Thank you!

**From:** S.22  
**Sent:** February 14, 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <[Premier@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Premier@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Media request

Hello Mr. Horgan,

I am a freelance writer working for the Feminist Current.

I would like to speak to you regarding your party's VP making public calls to host a "hackathon" in order to create a list of Canadians allegedly associated with "hate groups" across the country.

My deadline is the middle of next week. Could we please speak over the phone?

Thank you,  
S.22

**Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX**

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**From:** Holmwood, Jen PREM:EX  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 11:59 AM  
**To:** Crebo, David GCPE:EX  
**Cc:** Beale, William TRAN:EX  
**Subject:** CTV 2 request

Rob Buffam from CTV 2 has requested speaking with Minister Trevena about Ravi Kahlon. Will leave to you to respond. I've told him that the issue was canvassed in QP.

Thanks!

**Jen Holmwood, Deputy Communications Director**

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