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Premier Statement

Today I was advised by the Attorney General of the appointment of a Special Prosecutor for an RCMP investigation related to MLA Jinny Sims.

Jinny Sims has resigned from cabinet during the investigation. I accepted her resignation as appropriate under the circumstances. We take any such investigation very seriously.

While we await the conclusion of the matter, I have asked Minister Selina Robinson to temporarily assume responsibility as Minister for Citizens' Services.

On Background:

Government will not be providing any further comment on the matter given the ongoing investigation.

Sims Statement

This afternoon I offered my resignation as Minister of Citizens' Services upon learning of the appointment of a Special Prosecutor. I have not been given details of any allegations but there was no credibility to previous public allegations. I am confident that my name will be cleared but do not want to distract from the important work of government in the meantime. For that reason, I have decided to step away from my duties while the matter is resolved.

On the advice of counsel, I will not be making any further statements.

MSR: The Premier has asked me to take on the responsibilities for the Ministry of Citizens' Services and I have accepted.

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