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**MAY 1 TO 31, 2014: PROGRESS REPORT: - MWCI COMPENSATION FUND**

**Background:**

The Compensation Fund became available on April 1, 2014 to the 85 children of the women identified in the MWCI Report who were not part of the litigation (the 13 litigants have already received the funds). The Ministry of Justice, Province of BC, is administering the Compensation Fund to the remaining eligible children on behalf of the 3 funding partners. The Ministry of Justice is working closely with the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) to administer the Compensation Fund.

**Status:**

Ministry of Justice staff have connected with 59 of the 85 remaining eligible individuals. All 59 individuals have been proactively referred to the PGT and they are now proceeding through the application process (providing required identification documents, obtaining notarized releases, receiving any requested financial management and support services etc.). We have received 20 completed application packages forwarded by the PGT and are in the process of requesting confirmation of birth certificate information (parental information) for 10 applicants; 9 born in BC and 1 born in Alberta. It is anticipated that payment processing on the completed applications will commence in the coming weeks.

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## **August 1 – August 31: Progress Report: - MWCI Compensation Fund**

### **Background:**

The Compensation Fund became available on April 1, 2014 to the 85 children of the women identified in the MWCI Report who were not part of the litigation (the 13 litigants have already received the funds). The Ministry of Justice, Province of BC, is administering the Compensation Fund to the remaining eligible children on behalf of the 3 funding partners. The Ministry of Justice is working closely with the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) to administer the Compensation Fund.

### **Status:**

Ministry of Justice staff have referred 70 of the 85 eligible individuals to the PGT. We have received 47 completed application packages back from the PGT and payments have either been completed or the application is currently being processed. In addition to the 13 litigants, 39 individuals have now received their compensation payment.

### **Ongoing:**

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s.13 I propose that our monthly reports be moved to quarterly from now until the compensation fund expires on March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. If you agree, the next report will occur the first week of December.

I'd also like to acknowledge the collaborative efforts of Ministry staff and the PGT in administering this fund. The fact that there have been few issues raised regarding information, access, process or payments by applicants or family members is a real testament to how well the team has managed this. As we have all acknowledged, no amount of compensation can replace the loss of a loved one, however many of the recipients have expressed true gratitude and appreciation for the positive difference this fund will make in their lives.

Thanks to all involved.

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**Subject:** Compensation Fund update as of December 31, 2014  
**Date:** Monday, January 12, 2015 9:03:39 AM

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Hi Emily,

Here are the updated numbers as of December 31, 2014:

77 people referred to the PGT

8 people yet to locate; s.13

63 completed application packages received from the PGT; 14 files outstanding with PGT

62 files have been forwarded to Victoria for payment approval (3 files with Marcie, 2 applications pending outstanding identity information from Vital Statistics)

53 payments confirmed to date

Reagen

**From:** Wright, Reagen JAG:EX  
**To:** Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX; Ford, Stephen JAG:EX  
**Subject:** Compensation Fund update as of February 16, 2015  
**Date:** Monday, February 16, 2015 10:57:48 AM

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Hi Marcie and Steve,

Here are the updated numbers as of February 16, 2015:

77 people referred to the PGT

8 people yet to locate; s.13

66 completed application packages received from the PGT; 11 files outstanding with PGT

62 files have been forwarded to Victoria for payment approval (1 file pending outstanding identity information from Alberta and 3 files with Marcie for sign off)

59 payments (approx.) confirmed to date

Reagen

**From:** [Wright, Reagen JAG:EX](#)  
**To:** [Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Compensation Fund update for November 2015  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2015 8:29:01 AM

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Hi Marcie,

Here are the updated numbers for November 2015.

**77 people referred to the PGT**

**8 people yet to locate** s.13

**73 completed application packages received from the PGT (4 referrals outstanding with PGT)**

**72 files have been forwarded to Victoria for payment approval (1 file pending adoption records to confirm relationship to biological mother)**

The numbers are unchanged from August 2015 (below). It is my understanding that adoption records have now been issued for the one file we have pending and I expect to receive copies soon. I have been advised that the other files outstanding with the PGT involve difficulties or delays in obtaining proper identification.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

The PGT has requested an update s.13

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Thanks Marcie,

Reagen

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**From:** Wright, Reagen JAG:EX  
**Sent:** Friday, August 7, 2015 1:55 PM  
**To:** Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX  
**Subject:** Compensation Fund update as of August 2015

Hi Marcie,

Here are the updated numbers as of August 2015:

**77 people referred to the PGT**

**8 people yet to locate** s.13

**73 completed application packages received from the PGT (4 referrals outstanding with PGT)**

**72 files have been forwarded to Victoria for payment approval (1 file pending adoption records to confirm relationship to biological mother)**

Reagen

**From:** [Wright, Reagen JAG:EX](#)  
**To:** [Mezzarobba, Marcie JAG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Compensation Fund update for October 2014  
**Date:** Wednesday, October 8, 2014 9:34:12 AM

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Hi Marcie,

Here are the updated numbers for October 2014:

72 people referred to the PGT

13 people yet to locate/contact; s.13

53 completed application packages received from the PGT

52 files have been forwarded to Victoria for payment approval\*

41 payments confirmed by Victoria to date

Let me know if there is any other specific information that would be helpful.

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Subject: Compensation Fund Update, March 2015  
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 1:54:53 PM

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## STATUS UPDATE TO MARCH 31,2015: - MWCI COMPENSATION FUND

### Background:

The Compensation Fund became available on April 1, 2014 to the 85 children of the women identified in the MWCI Report who were not part of the litigation (the 13 litigants have already received the funds). The Ministry of Justice, Province of BC, is administering the Compensation Fund to the remaining eligible children on behalf of the 3 funding partners. The Ministry of Justice is working closely with the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) to administer the Compensation Fund.

### Status:

Ministry of Justice staff have referred 77 of the 85 eligible individuals to the PGT. s.13

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We have received 69 completed application packages back from the PGT and over 60 payments have been processed with the remainder in final process for payment approval. The PGT is continuing to work with 9 individuals to complete the application process.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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**Importance:** High

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Here is the June report on the status of applications for the MWCI compensation fund:

## **June 1 – June 30th: Progress Report: - MWCI Compensation Fund**

### **Background:**

The Compensation Fund became available on April 1, 2014 to the 85 children of the women identified in the MWCI Report who were not part of the litigation (the 13 litigants have already received the funds). The Ministry of Justice, Province of BC, is administering the Compensation Fund to the remaining eligible children on behalf of the 3 funding partners. The Ministry of Justice is working closely with the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) to administer the Compensation Fund.

### **Status:**

Ministry of Justice staff have referred 64 of the 85 eligible individuals to the PGT. We have received 37 completed application packages back from the PGT and these are in various stages of processing. In addition to the 13 litigants, 9 individuals have now received their compensation payment. Another 9 applications are awaiting Deputy Attorney General approval and we anticipate these will be approved and paid shortly. We have made requests for declaration of particulars/registration of live birth to vital statistics in BC (and other provinces as required) on 14 of the applications and once received these applications will go forward for approval.

There are 21 remaining individuals that we are still attempting to locate. s.13

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Importance: High

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Hi Lynda,

Here is the July report on the status of applications for the MWCI compensation fund:

**July 1st – July 31st: Progress Report: - MWCI Compensation Fund**

**Background:**

The Compensation Fund became available on April 1, 2014 to the 85 children of the women identified in the MWCI Report who were not part of the litigation (the 13 litigants have already received the funds). The Ministry of Justice, Province of BC, is administering the Compensation Fund to the remaining eligible children on behalf of the 3 funding partners. The Ministry of Justice is working closely with the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT) to administer the Compensation Fund.

**Status:**

Ministry of Justice staff have referred 66 of the 85 eligible individuals to the PGT. We have received 43 completed application packages back from the PGT and in addition to the 13 litigants, 34 individuals have now received their compensation payment. The remaining application packages are in various stages of the approval process.

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**Children of the Missing Women Compensation Fund Payments**  
**Number of payments made by date up to February 25, 2016**

<b>Effective Date of Payment</b>	<b>Number of Claimant payments made on this date</b>
2014-03-13	13
2014-06-26	4
2014-06-27	5
2014-07-09	7
2014-07-24	18
2014-08-25	1
2014-08-26	4
2014-09-01	1
2014-09-11	1
2014-09-24	4
2014-10-31	4
2014-11-30	2
2014-12-31	5
2015-01-31	6
2015-03-31	4
2015-04-30	2
2015-05-31	2
2015-06-30	1
2015-10-31	1
2016-01-31	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>

## **Cornett, Kathy M JAG:EX**

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**Subject:** CLIFF no. 511910 BN Information for DSG re Meeting with First Nations Chiefs re MWCI updates  
**Attachments:** CLIFF no. 511910 BN Inforamtion for DSG meeting with First Nations Chiefs re MWCI update Sept 2015.docx; 511827 150831 Overall\_MWCI\_Response.docx  
**Importance:** High

Good afternoon Jeannie,

Please find attached the approved BN for Lori's review. Also attached is the BN 511827 that was done by police services (referenced in our bn). CLIFF has been updated.

Thanks,

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**MINISTRY OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION BRANCH  
VICTIM SERVICES AND CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For INFORMATION for Lori Wanamaker, Deputy Minister and Deputy Solicitor General

**ISSUE:** Status update on response to the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry (MWCI) recommendations for meeting with First Nations Chiefs September 8-10, 2015

**SUMMARY:**

- On December 17, 2012, *Forsaken – The Report of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry* (MWCI Report) was released.
- On December 4, 2014, the *Final Status Update Report* was released, detailing progress made on the recommendations of the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. This report built upon government's earlier status report on the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry's recommendations, which was released in November 2013.
- Work on the recommendations is still underway in certain areas, and will continue to be woven into larger government reform and change initiatives (see Appendix A for related initiatives underway).
- Targeted improvements to policing practices, standards, structure and accountability will continue to be prioritized through continued work on MWCI policing-related recommendations and implementation of the BC Policing and Community Safety Plan (BCPP).
- Future work to address issues of safety for vulnerable women and healing/rebuilding will be informed by, and captured under, priorities identified in the Vision for a Violence Free BC strategy.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The *Final Status Update Report*, released in December 2014, detailed progress made on the recommendations of the MWCI on the major themes: compensation and healing; improvements to policing; safety for vulnerable women; and, supports in missing person investigations. Efforts were focused on the recommendations that are action-oriented.
- Since the release of the report, the following actions have been taken on recommendations under the themes of Compensation and Healing and Safety for

Vulnerable Women (see BN, Cliff # 511827 for update on actions related to policing recommendations) :

- *Identifying Approaches to Healing (3.1, 3.3., 3.4)*
  - In March 2015, CSCPb provided \$436,580.00 to fund 25 projects to support healing and rebuilding after violence against Aboriginal women.
  - In June 2015, the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation announced a family gathering for families of missing and murdered Aboriginal women to be held this Fall or Spring 2016 (in Prince George). The gathering is intended to provide a safe and supportive place for families to heal together by sharing their stories and their strength. CSCPb was successful in working with the federal DOJ to re-assign project funding and is contributing \$50,000 towards the gathering.
- *Compensation Fund for the Children (Rec. 3.2)*
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There are only 8

individuals (of the total 85 + 13 litigants) the Ministry has not been able to locate. 73 completed application packages have been received from the PGT and payments have been processed. The PGT is continuing to work with 4 individuals to complete their applications.
- *Enhancement of Services for Vulnerable Women (Urgent Measure #1)*
  - In March 2015, a total of \$80,000 in CFO funding was distributed to key organizations that provide drop-in and outreach services to vulnerable women involved in the survival sex trade
    - \$40K was provided to Providing Alternatives Counselling & Education (PACE) Society. They received 30K for violence support and prevention support groups and one-on-one counselling and 10K for a sex work community education project.
    - \$40K was provided to Peers Victoria Resource Society. They received 20K for a small business training program for people in/from the sex industry and 20K to support their drop-in centre services.
  - Government is continuing to provide annual funding of \$750,000 to the WISH Drop-In Centre Society to improve services to vulnerable women who work in the sex trade in Vancouver and \$200,000 for the operation of the MAP van.
- *Cultural Awareness Training for Justice System Personnel (Rec. 4.12)*
  - Ministry staff are continuing to work on the development of justice-specific modules, in partnership with the Provincial Health Services Authority, in the Indigenous Cultural Competency (ICC) training course to support culturally responsive and sensitive services and target cultural competency learning needs for staff working in various areas

of the justice system, including police, courts, corrections, and Crown Counsel. Draft curriculum has been developed and is currently being vetted; pilot process to be completed in Fall 2015.

- *Expansion of "Living in Community" Model (Rec.5.3)*
  - In March 2015, Living in Community received a \$30,000 CFO grant to work with key stakeholders to support better alignment and/or implementation of policies and practices necessary to reduce levels of violence and harm experienced by individuals engaged in sex work. This funding builds on and supports the \$100,000 grant that was provided to LIC in March 2014 to support interested municipalities in Northern BC and the Lower Mainland to adopt the LIC collaborative community engagement model.

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## **APPENDIX – Related Initiatives to Address Violence Against Women**

- A key priority under VFBC, which aligns with Provincial Domestic Violence Plan commitments, is to work together with Aboriginal partners to address violence against aboriginal women. A key initiative currently underway in this area is the investment of \$1.5M over the next two years to provide direct services for Aboriginal women, men, and children who experience domestic violence. CSCPB is working with MARR and PODV on this initiative. The work will occur through a partnership table of government, non-government and Aboriginal representatives to develop the funding criteria.
- Government also recently provided \$200,000 in grant funding to the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres to enhance and evaluate culturally appropriate programs for perpetrators of domestic violence. This work reflects another commitment in the Provincial Domestic Violence Plan to provide direct services for perpetrators of domestic violence.
- VFBC also commits to working with the MOU signatories (via the Joint Partners Table) on the development of shared priorities and actions required to achieve outcomes in stopping violence against Aboriginal women and girls.
- The priority for the Joint Partner's Table this fiscal year is the family gathering and work to implement the identified actions that result from the gathering. CSCPB will work with the Joint Partner's Table to support this work and continue to explore with the Joint Partner's Table and Minister's Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women (MACAW) future priorities for action.
- In March 2015, government announced \$5 million in civil forfeiture grant funding to support community-led anti-violence and crime prevention projects, with a priority focus on violence against women. Over \$1M was provided to fund 58 projects focused on supporting Aboriginal communities in their anti-violence and prevention initiatives, including:
  - \$30,000 to Carrier Sekani Family Services to create an action plan that addresses the issue of violence against young women and girls in the Burns Lake area.
  - \$30,000 for the Northern First Nations Child and Family Services Council Society to raise awareness around the issues of child abuse, family violence and the sexual exploitation of girls.
  - \$30,000 to help the Pacific Association of First Nations Women train front line service providers who work with Aboriginal women who are victims of violence, or at risk of experiencing violence.
  - More than \$27,000 for a 16-week program, run by the Haida Gwaii Society for Community Peace, for men who have used abuse in their intimate partner relationships.