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From: Wakeman, Michelle PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:55 AM
To: Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX; Takkar, Nimmi PSSG:EX
Cc: Hembree, Sara PSSG:EX
Subject: FW: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)
Attachments: 539152 - Decision BN re CFO Funding Streams.pdf; 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

Hi there,

Does this ring a bell? Is it ok to put esig on?

Thanks,
Michelle

From: Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:31 AM
To: Wakeman, Michelle PSSG:EX
Subject: FW: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

Hi Michelle,

The attached DBN was sent on October 31, but haven't received the signed copy back; after a bit of digging Patti replied with the below note. Would you please confirm it has been okayed by MMF? If so, would it be possible to get a signed note? Or if you are ok, we can add his e-sig. Thanks Michelle!!

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From: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:18 PM
To: Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

Okay, it sounds like this was verbally signed off. This is Patti's note to me (ignore part 2):

Hello Nikki,

As per our discussion today:

1. DBN # 539152: My understanding was that Mark ran this note by MMF and verbally okayed it
2. NR

Thanks
Patti

From: Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:32 AM
To: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

Sounds good. let me know if there's anything I can help with.

From: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:23 AM
To: Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

It never happened and this one is VERY confusing. I think I'm going to have a chat with Patti later and make sure a briefing is even required. Thanks for the reminder. (Welcome!)

From: Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

Hi Nikki,

Do you happen to know if this meeting ever happened? I haven't received any update since then... thank you... C

From: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Tunstall, Kyla PSSG:EX; Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
Cc: Butler, Ally PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

I spoke with Mark about this meeting and after a conversation with Veronica and Liam in the MO, Mark has said that this is less pressing than I understood. We will look to reschedule in Vancouver in December or later when Patti can be in person.

From: Tunstall, Kyla PSSG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 3:37 PM
To: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX; Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
Cc: Butler, Ally PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

Hi Nikki,

We will take the 9 AM Slot.

I imagine that Patti will be dial in. can you please send conference call numbers?

Thanks

K.

From: Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Tunstall, Kyla PSSG:EX; Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
Cc: Butler, Ally PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

Kyla, I'm going to ask for 9am tomorrow. Will someone need to dial in? Please advise ASAP. Thanks

From: Tunstall, Kyla PSSG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 3:15 PM
To: Gao, Christy PSSG:EX; Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX
Cc: Butler, Ally PSSG:EX
Subject: RE: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

Hi Christy,

Is this briefing with the Minister for him to approve the call for grants to move forward? If that is the case, the briefing will need to be in the next few days as the call for grants is set to go out before the end of next week.

Please advise as soon as possible,

Thanks.

Kyla Tunstall

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From: Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
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To: Harrison, Veronica PSSG:EX; Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX
Cc: Wakeman, Michelle PSSG:EX; Hembree, Sara PSSG:EX; Hunt, Charlotte PSSG:EX; Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX; McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX; Boyle, Patricia J PSSG:EX; Banks, Brett PSSG:EX; Tunstall, Kyla PSSG:EX
Subject: 539152 - Decision BN re 2017/2018 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants)

Good afternoon,

The attached Briefing Note has been approved by Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General, and it for the DECISION of the Minister.

Mark requested a briefing be scheduled with the Minister, sooner rather than later. Nikki will contact Michelle to arrange a date/time.

Thank you.

Christy

Christy Gao

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MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
Community Safety and Crime Prevention
BRIEFING NOTE

PURPOSE: For DECISION for Mike Farnworth,
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

ISSUE: Priority funding areas for the 2017/18 Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program (Civil Forfeiture Grants).

DECISION REQUIRED/ RECOMMENDATION:

Proceed with plan for 2017/18 Civil Forfeiture grants.

SUMMARY:

- The Civil Forfeiture Office (CFO) is forecasting \$1.5M in available funding from in-year recoveries to support grants for 2017/2018. In addition, Treasury Board (TB) previously approved \$1M from the CFO accumulated surplus to specifically support crime reduction grants.
- The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch (CSCP) has identified 5 priority areas for funding based on the Ministry's current strategic priorities:
 1. Crime Reduction and Prevention
 2. Violence Against Women
 - Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
 - Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation
 - Domestic Violence Units and Child Advocacy Centres
 3. Healing and Rebuilding in Indigenous Communities
 4. Restorative Justice
 5. Police Responses, Specialized Equipment and Training Initiatives

BACKGROUND:

- CFO is self-funding with in-year recoveries covering the office's operating costs. The balance remaining from in-year recoveries is allotted to the funding of proposals under the Crime Prevention and Remediation Grant Program.
- CFO has TB approval to spend up to \$3M in crime prevention and remediation grants, subject to the recoveries for operating costs and revenue requirements being met.
- While it is anticipated that \$1.5M in in-year recoveries will be available for grants this year, it is difficult to forecast the exact amount of grant funding that will be available

by year-end. The Branch has a scalable plan in place in the event that additional grant funding is available.

- CSCP will also be submitting a Treasury Board submission ^{s.12}

- The following five priority areas are recommended for this year's CFO funding streams:

1. BC Crime Reduction and Prevention

- Grants to support community-led crime reduction and secondary prevention initiatives.
- This priority area will support government's commitment to take action on gang and gun violence, and grant criteria will be strategically aligned to the work of the Office of Crime Reduction and Gang Outreach.

2. Violence against Women

- **Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence**
 - Grants to support projects that prevent and respond to violence against women, with a specific focus on sexual assault and domestic violence.
- **Human Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation**
 - Grants to support the prevention of and response to human trafficking and sexual exploitation.
- **Domestic Violence Units and Child Advocacy Centres**
 - Grants to support integrated service models that support victims of violent crime.
- These priority areas will support the Ministry's mandate commitment to increase support to women who experience domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes.

3. Healing and Rebuilding in Indigenous Communities

- Grants to support healing and rebuilding from trauma, crime or victimization in Indigenous communities.
- This priority area aligns with this government's commitment to lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia and to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

4. Restorative Justice

- Grants to increase restorative justice program capacity, including: trauma-informed victim sensitivity; cultural competency and safety; and evaluation and monitoring capacity.
- This priority area aligns with the Ministry's mandate commitment to increase support for initiatives that are proven to prevent and reduce crime, and increase the use of restorative justice programs.

5. Police Responses and Training Initiatives

- Grants for training and equipment for police to prevent crime and remediate the effects of it, as part of the broader policing response.

DISCUSSION:

- Grant applications will be posted on the Ministry website during the week of **November 6-10, 2017**. The call for proposals will close on **Friday, December 15, 2017** and final decisions will be communicated to all applicants by **March 30, 2018**.
- CSCP is working with GCPE to explore options for an announcement related to this year's call for grant proposals.
- Grants will be evaluated based on the strength of the project proposals, level of need in the community, budget and value for money of the project. Preferred criteria will be provided for some streams to focus projects on Ministry priorities.
- The CFO funding program has a thorough grant review process that includes adjudication teams of two or three internal Branch/Ministry staff to review proposals and a final review by the Branch CFO Oversight Committee and ADM. Unsuccessful applicants are provided with an opportunity to receive feedback on their proposals with suggestions for ways to strengthen them for the following year.
- MLA's will be provided the opportunity to contact successful CFO Grant recipients at the end of March 2018.

OPTIONS:

Option One (Recommended): Proceed with plan for 2017/08 Civil Forfeiture grants.

Option Two: Do not proceed with plan for 2017/08 Civil Forfeiture grants.

Cliff: 539152
Date Prepared: October 23, 2017
Date Decision Required: October 27, 2017

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From: Watson, Jason GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX; Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX
Cc: McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX
Subject: PSSG Media Request: Human Trafficking Allegations

CTV questions about a potential case of human trafficking, allegations being made.

The first bullet answers the question, the second one gives context on OCTIP's (Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons) potential role in such a case, if required.... Might be good to include this as education for the reporter who recently moved here from Hong Kong and may cover the topic again.

Response for approval:

- OCTIP cannot confirm the status of any potential human trafficking investigations. Consult with local police or CBSA for any information available.
- OCTIP does not have investigative or prosecutorial powers, but works with partners to facilitate access to the services and support needed by emerging trafficking victims, if required.

Reporter

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Deadline ASAP

Request

It's come to my attention that complaints have been made against an organic blueberry farm in Maple Ridge. Some of the allegations include violations of labor law, inhumane working conditions – allegations that may amount to human trafficking^{s.22}

Ridge Meadows has informed me they received some complaints on Wednesday, and the file has been handed over to the CBSA. I was curious to know if the Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons has received any complaints related to this business and how the Ministry might be investigating and/or cooperating with authorities.

Background

Recommendation

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From: Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
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Cc: Wakeman, Michelle PSSG:EX; Hembree, Sara PSSG:EX; Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX; Cornett, Kathy M PSSG:EX; Louie, Toby I PSSG:EX; Meseyton, Robert PSSG:EX; Nadziejko, Anita T PSSG:EX; Hewitt, Jeremy IGRS:EX
Subject: 539105-Meeting Note re US Consul General in Vancouver's Meeting with SG
Attachments: 539105-Meeting note re US Consul General in Vancouver's Meeting with SG-DSG approved.pdf

Good afternoon,

The attached Meeting Note has been approved by Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General, and is for Minister Farnworth's meeting on Thursday, October 26, at 1:30pm pm. Mark will be attending in person.

The Briefing Note has been added to the Minister's SharePoint site under the meeting material tab.

Thank you, Christy

Christy Gao

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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
CORPORATE POLICY AND PLANNING OFFICE
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INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SECRETARIAT
OFFICE OF THE PREMIER**

MEETING NOTE

PREPARED FOR: Honorable Mike Farnworth
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

ISSUE: Meeting with the United States Consul General in Vancouver
Katherine S. Dhanani on October 26, 2017, 1:30 p.m.

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BACKGROUND:

- Katherine S. Dhanani was officially recognized as Consul General of the U.S. in Vancouver, effective September 15, 2017. See Appendix 1 for a biography.
- At the state-level, B.C. continues to build highly positive relationships with its key partners in the states of Washington, Oregon, California, and Alaska. Recent focus areas with Washington State in particular include the Vancouver to Seattle Cascadia

Innovation Corridor. Premier John Horgan and Washington State Governor Jay Inslee spoke by telephone on September 21, 2017 and plan to meet in-person in the near future to discuss issues of mutual interest and opportunities for collaboration.

Ministry Specific Issues

Opioid Crisis

- Law enforcement is working at all levels of government to intercept and block the supply of toxic drugs, and health officials are working to address the immediate and longer term health needs.
- B.C. has dedicated \$322 million in new funding in the recent budget update as part of a government wide effort to combat the crisis. The new actions focus on harm reduction, outreach and help for people who need it the most.
- \$31.3 million has been allocated over three years to critical enforcement and public safety initiatives, including funding for:
 - New anti-trafficking teams to disrupt the drug supply line in communities;
 - More resources for enforcement against organized crime importers and traffickers to stem the flow of fentanyl into B.C.;
 - Increased community outreach to reach people at elevated risk; and
 - Funding for the BC Coroners Service to support comprehensive investigations and timely analysis into overdose deaths, as well as additional laboratory testing requirements.

Trafficking In Persons

- B.C. is actively involved in the effort to identify and assist victims, and bring those who traffic in persons to justice.
- B.C.'s Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons is dedicated to working in partnership to assist trafficked persons and has been providing advice and support to communities and agencies regarding human trafficking since 2007.
- The Office has helped over 250 potentially trafficked people by coordinating shelter and medical care and providing information such as temporary residence permits.
- The Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre in Ottawa, established by the RCMP, supports provincial and territorial law enforcement efforts by providing tools and guidelines for investigations, coordinating and disseminating intelligence and maintaining international partnerships.
- The BC Provincial Human Trafficking Unit is aligned with the Centre and is operated by the BC RCMP from their E Division Headquarters in Surrey.

Cannabis Legalization

- The Government of Canada intends to legalize non-medical cannabis no later than

July 2018. Under the federal Cannabis Act, the federal government will regulate non-medical cannabis production and product standards, and provinces and territories will oversee its distribution and sale, subject to minimum federal conditions. B.C. is actively engaged with the Government of Canada and other provinces and territories in preparing for legalization.

- B.C. is currently undertaking public and stakeholder engagement. A provincial Cannabis Legalization and Regulation Secretariat is coordinating the cross government work required to prepare for legalization.
- Until the new federal Cannabis Act is passed and brought into force, cannabis is prohibited under the federal Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, with exemptions for medical use.

Cross Border Crime Coordination (additional issue for information)

- The Pacific Region Cross Border Law Enforcement Forum brings together senior law enforcement officials from British Columbia and Washington State to discuss issues of common concern, with a focus on organized crime, illegal drugs, guns, and counter-terrorism.
- The forum fulfills commitments under the 2012 BC-Washington Memorandum of Agreement on Pacific Region Cross Border Law Enforcement. It also supports security and law enforcement provisions of the Canada-US Beyond the Border Action Plan.

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Appendix 1: Biography of United States Consul General in Vancouver, Katherine S. Dhanani

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Appendix 1: Biography for U.S. Consul General in Vancouver Katherine S. Dhanani

Ice-Breakers from IGRS

- Ms. Dhanani was recently in Dawson City, Yukon where she met with Yukon Premier Sandy Silver.
- She recently spoke about the importance of the Canada-U.S. relationship at a cross-border ceremony on the 16th anniversary of 9/11. The event was held at Peace Arch Park, near the Canada-U.S. border next to South Surrey.

Official Biography



Katherine S. Dhanani is a career Foreign Service Officer. Her most recent assignments were in the State Department's Bureau of Human Resources and in the Bureau of African Affairs' Office of Regional and Security Affairs. Before returning to Washington in 2013, she served as Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Hyderabad, India.

Ms. Dhanani began her career working on western hemisphere issues, with tours as an Economic Officer in Georgetown, Guyana; on the Mexico desk; and in Mexico City; as well as in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere.

Ms. Dhanani also has served five assignments to embassies in central and southern Africa, including tours as Deputy Chief of Mission in Harare, Zimbabwe; and Libreville, Gabon; and as Section Chief in Lusaka, Zambia; Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo; and Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.

Ms. Dhanani trained as an economist at Kenyon College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and taught economics at Grinnell College before joining the Foreign Service.

Hembree, Sara PSSG:EX

From: Gao, Christy PSSG:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Harrison, Veronica EDUC:EX; Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX
Cc: Wakeman, Michelle PSSG:EX; Hembree, Sara PSSG:EX; Hunt, Charlotte PSSG:EX; Duncan, Nikki PSSG:EX; McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX; Boyle, Patricia J PSSG:EX; Tunstall, Kyla PSSG:EX; Moody, Juliette PSSG:EX
Subject: 539375 - Information Briefing Note re SG's meeting with Vancouver Rape Relief and women's Shelter
Attachments: 539375 - BN re Meeting with Louisa Russell Vancouver Rape Relief_December 15_2017.pdf; 539375 - BN re meeting with VRR- attachment- Biography of Louisa Russell.pdf

Good afternoon,

The attached Briefing Note has been approved by Mark Sieben, Deputy Solicitor General, and is for the Minister's meeting with Louise Russell from Vancouver Rape Relief and women's Shelter on December 15, at 2pm.

The Briefing note has been added to the Minister's SharePoint site under the meeting Material tab.

Thank you,
Christy

Christy Gao

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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION BRANCH
BRIEFING NOTE**

PURPOSE: For INFORMATION for the Honorable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

ISSUE: Meeting on December 15, 2017 with Louisa Russell from Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter

SUMMARY:

- Louisa Russell has worked with Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter (VRR) for the past ten years. During this time she has been involved in numerous advocacy efforts addressing women's safety, security and equality (see biography below).
- Key topics that are likely to arise at the meeting include:
 - VRR's concerns about the high rate of sexual assault cases and the low number of reports to the police;
 - Recommendations for improvements to the criminal justice system; and
 - Minister's mandate letter commitment to support increased funding for women who are victims of violent crime.

BACKGROUND:

Vancouver Rape Relief – Services and Funding

- Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter (VRR) is Canada's oldest rape crisis centre. The organization operates a Transition House and the Homeless Prevention Program. VRR is a non-profit organization that was incorporated in 1975 and defines the purpose of the organization as "... *an active force dedicated to challenge the social attitudes, laws and institutional procedures that perpetuate male violence against women and children.*"
- VRR refers to their organization as a women's advocacy group. They often undertake high profile advocacy through the media by challenging court decisions and laws. A key focus for VRR is improving police and prosecutor responses to women escaping male violence.
- The Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General does not provide annual funding to Vancouver Rape Relief. VRR received \$10K in Civil Forfeiture funding in 2011/12 for a project on human trafficking/sexual exploitation.

- BC Housing (BCH) provides \$586,000 annually to VRR to operate a 10 bed transition house to provide safe shelter and support services to women and children at risk of violence or who have experienced violence.
- BCH also provides \$89,000 in funding to VRR to operate the Homeless Prevention Program (HPP). HPP is an initiative aimed at providing individuals in identified at-risk groups facing homelessness with portable rent supplements and support services to help them access rental housing in the private (non-subsidized) housing market. VRR has a contract to provide rent supplements and support to women fleeing violence, including funding for a 0.5 FTE Outreach Worker and 10 rent supplements.

Sexual Assault Reporting

- VRR has extensive experience supporting women who experience sexual assault through the criminal justice system.
- Sexual assault is one of the most serious and under-reported crimes in Canada. According to the 2014 General Social Survey on Victimization, it is estimated that only 5% of sexual assaults are ever reported to police.
- There are many barriers to victims of sexual assault reporting to police including fear they will not be believed, fear that the assailant will retaliate against them, and feelings of shame, self-blame, and guilt.
- In 2016, there were 3,125 police-reported sexual assault offences in B.C., of which 2,384 were adult sexual assaults. (Crime Statistics in BC 2016, Policing and Security Branch MPSSG August 2017).
- National policing data, compiled and reviewed by The Globe as part of its 20-month investigation, revealed that one of every five sexual-assault allegations in Canada is dismissed as baseless and unfounded. The result is a national unfounded rate of 19.39 per cent – nearly twice as high as it is for physical assault (10.84 per cent).

PSSG Funding for Victim Services and Violence against Women Programs

- The Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch (CSCP) provides annual funding (approx. \$30 million) for services that assist victims of crime and women and children impacted by violence, including victims of sexual assault.
- The ministry is currently exploring options for strategic investments that will build on work underway to strengthen the services and supports currently provided and address service demands.
- CSCP is always open to discussions on innovative approaches to services that can enhance frontline service delivery.

OTHER MINISTRIES IMPACTED/CONSULTED:

- n/a

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Attachment

Biography of Louisa Russell

Biography of Louisa Russell

LOUISA RUSSELL has been a feminist active for ten years with Vancouver Rape Relief and Women's Shelter. With this all-woman, all-feminist collective, she operates a transition house and 24 hour rape crisis center assisting women escaping male violence to create a positive, force for changes in attitudes, laws, and institutional procedures towards the prevention and ultimately the eradication of the oppression of women. Louisa through VRRWS provides comfort advocacy and alliance including by intervening in Bonnie Mooney v. RCMP in 2003. In April 2008 with others she reviewed of 35 years of the collective's efforts to improve the police response to violated women and convened the international feminist gathering: Policing Male Violence.

Hembree, Sara PSSG:EX

From: Watson, Jason GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 12:37 PM
To: Lawson, Liam PSSG:EX
Cc: McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX
Subject: RE: In violence against women
Attachments: IN - Victims Services - Domestic Violence-Violence Against Women.docx

Hi Liam,

Here is our latest IN.... let me know if you need any further info.

Thanks,
Jason

-----Original Message-----

From: McAndrews, Caroline GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2018 12:35 PM
To: Watson, Jason GCPE:EX
Subject: In violence against women

Liam needs

Sent from my iPhone

VICTIM SERVICES – Domestic Violence/Violence Against Women
Provincial Office of Domestic Violence (POVD)

SUGGESTED RESPONSE:

- No amount of violence in families is acceptable.
- It can have devastating effects and long-lasting consequences for victims, children and family members who are exposed to it.
- The safety of women, children and all British Columbians is a priority for this government.
- We are a government that cares about people.
- A government that is committed to increasing supports to people who need them – like those who are experiencing domestic violence.
- I continue to work closely with my colleagues to ensure the safety of women, children and anyone who is affected by domestic violence. This includes working closely with the Provincial Office of Domestic Violence, which continues to be housed within the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Next Steps:

- We are currently considering options on how best to strengthen our response to violence against women both now and in the future.
- I can assure you that my ministry and the Ministry of Children and Family Development are looking at investments that will strengthen the services and supports that are currently available in B.C.
- We expect that our commitment to addressing domestic and all forms of violence will be reflected in Budget 2018.

BACKGROUND:

- Last year, more than 12,300 women and children who were fleeing violence found safety and shelter through transition houses.

- In B.C., more than \$70 million a year is invested in prevention and intervention services and programs that benefit victims of domestic violence and other crimes.
 - This includes \$34.6 million to support more than 830 spaces and 250 short-term shelter spaces in transition houses and safe homes for women and children affected by violence.
 - This also includes \$16.5 million in funding to more than 240 violence against women counselling and outreach programs across the province.
 - In addition, the ministry funds over 160 Police-Based and Community-Based Victim Service programs, providing emotional support, information, referrals and practical assistance to victims of crime and trauma across B.C.
- In December 2017, the province announced immediate one-time funding of \$5 million to help reduce waitlists and better meet demand for counselling, outreach and crisis support. This funding included:
 - \$4 million in one-time grants for victim service and violence against women programs to better address high demand for programs that help women and children affected by domestic abuse and sexualized violence;
 - \$800,000 to support inter-agency case assessment teams of police officers, victim service workers, transition house service providers and others who provide victim safety in high-risk domestic violence cases; and
 - \$200,000 to enhance education and prevention programs.
- Civil Forfeiture Office projects: Since 2011, \$9.1 million in civil forfeiture grant funding has supported projects that address sexual violence, sexual exploitation and human trafficking, coordinated responses to domestic violence, healing and rebuilding from violence against indigenous women; vulnerable women; provide training and education for service providers; and enhance the capacity and improve the services of child and youth advocacy centres;
- In March 2017, more than \$699,000 in civil and criminal forfeiture grants was provided to enhance existing DVUs in the province, bringing the total investment in DVUs since 2014 to over \$2.4 million.
- In fall of 2017, government launched an expansion of the #SaySomething campaign, which focuses on dispelling myths and increasing awareness around the issue of sexual assault. This builds on the existing campaign, which brings attention to the issue of domestic violence.
- The *Third Annual Report for the Provincial Domestic Violence Plan*, which reflects the work completed between April 1, 2016 and March 31, 2017 will be released later this fall.
- The budget for PODV for Fiscal year 2017/18 is \$685,000.
- Additionally, \$1.5M was secured via One-Time Only funding for the 2017/18 fiscal year to allow for continuity in the plan's direct services while cross-ministry discussions continued on sustainability.
- The Financial Data Book entry for the Provincial Office of Domestic Violence references \$2.5 million in Actual Expenses for FY16/17. Of this, \$1.6 million was provided for the continuity of programs in year four as follows:
 - BC Housing - \$250,000 – transportation costs for women and children fleeing violence in rural and remote areas of the province.

Comment [BBP1]: PODV to verify

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- Ending Violence Association of BC - \$350,000 – create, train and support Interagency Case Assessment Teams throughout the province.
- Ending Violence Association of BC - \$160,000 – Be More Than a Bystander Campaign
- BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres - \$850,000 – to deliver targeted programs and supports to Indigenous communities in BC, including providing services for perpetrators of domestic violence, and dedicated community supports for women fleeing abusive relationships.

Provincial-Territorial Human Trafficking Strategy

British Columbia

Strategy

The British Columbia's Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP) created in 2007 is responsible for the overall coordination of the province strategy to address human trafficking. OCTIP works in collaboration with other provincial ministries, federal departments, municipal governments, law enforcement agencies, and community organizations. OCTIP aims to coordinate services for trafficked persons in BC by building capacity in local communities to identify trafficked persons and respond to their unique needs.

Target Areas

Identify gaps and barriers that trafficked persons face

Coordinate a network of response services for trafficked persons

Support communities to address human trafficking

Contribute to national and international efforts to prevent and eliminate human trafficking

The 2013 – 2016 BC Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking identifies the following populations as priorities:

Youth, targeted for sexual exploitation

Vulnerable workers, targeted for labour exploitation

Aboriginal women and youth, targeted for sexual exploitation

Program Details

Development of the British Columbia Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking 2013-2016.

Awareness rising: development and distribution of plain language resources, pocket cards, and other materials on human trafficking.

Education and training: development of on line course on human trafficking for service providers: *"Human Trafficking, Canada is Not Immune"*. Implementation of Train the Trainer's processes in 12 communities.

Coordination of services: ongoing networking and liaison with law enforcement, services providers, three levels of government.

Establishment of a 24/7 1800 help line.

Adjudication of project funding to community organizations through the Civil Forfeiture's Crime Prevention and Remediation Grants.

Funding

The Province provides more than \$70 million in annual funding to programs across BC that provide assistance to victims of crime, women and children impacted by violence, and trafficked persons.

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Human Trafficking – Stats, Training OCTIP (Supplemental)

Suggested Response:

Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP) On-Line Training: Human Trafficking: Canada is Not Immune:

- Since 2014, approximately 8,000 people have accessed the on-line training Human Trafficking: Canada is not immune. (English and French versions)
- The majority of Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch staff have completed the online training. (Approximately 50-60 staff).
- The BC Public Service Agency now offers this course to all BC public servants to complete.
- Staff of VictimLink BC – the provinces 24/7 support, information and referral line - have been trained on indicators of human trafficking and to respond to calls for assistance from trafficked persons and service providers province-wide. Annual training sessions are held for staff to review indicators and referral services for trafficked persons.
- All Branch funded victim service and violence against women program (service providers?) are encouraged to complete the training through regular CSCP Branch Bulletins.
- Public Safety Canada, which considers this Canada's leading online training on human trafficking for front-line workers, will continue to disseminate it nationally, including to the members of the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Working Group on Human Trafficking.

Statistics related to Human Trafficking Activity in BC:

- OCTIP has helped over 250 potentially trafficked people since 2007 through providing information about temporary residence permits, by coordinating shelter and medical care, and by liaising with municipal police, the RCMP's Human Trafficking Coordinator, and other justice system personnel.
- In terms of information on the prevalence of human trafficking activity, there are a couple of sources we can look to:

1. RCMP Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre:

- The RCMP Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre's latest report on human

trafficking cases notes that *“Due to the clandestine nature of human trafficking and the reluctance of victims to come forward, specifically in international cases, human trafficking remains underreported.”*

- The statistics presented in the report are derived from human trafficking cases across Canada that the Centre has identified, but they acknowledge that they should not be taken as a true representation of the extent and/or prevalence of human trafficking in Canada.
- As of January 2017, the Human Trafficking National Coordination Centre has identified 401 cases since 2005 where human trafficking charges were laid. Of the 401 cases, 382 are domestic human trafficking cases, and 19 are international human trafficking cases. The majority of the domestic cases are for sexual exploitation, while the international cases are primarily labour exploitation cases. (See Appendix A for detailed breakdown).

2. Deborah’s Gate, Salvation Army: Shelter for Trafficked Women in BC/Canada

- Deborah’s Gate is the only high security shelter in Canada devoted exclusively to women who were trafficked. The Salvation Army sponsored shelter has capacity for 10 residents, and receives many referrals and some residents from other provinces in Canada.

2010 - 13 residents; 13 referrals
2011 - 13 residents; 23 referrals
2012 - 12 residents; 24 referrals
2013 - 18 residents; 28 referrals
2014 - 17 residents; 53 referrals
2015 - 16 residents; 65 referrals
2016 - 17 residents; 91 referrals
2017 –18 residents; 78 referrals

- The majority of the cases involving Deborah’s Gate residents did not lead to human trafficking charges; however the residents experienced severe exploitation and were deemed to be at a high safety risk which is required in order to qualify for acceptance into this shelter.

Changes in OCTIP

- In July 2011, OCTIP was integrated into the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch.
- OTIP’s \$300,000 budget was absorbed into the operational budget of the Branch and continues to be used to support work on Human Trafficking.
- There are 2 FTE’s with the office – one of the two is a Director.

- Supports such as finance, administration, policy and human resources are now provided by the Branch.

RCMP Human Trafficking Coordination Centre data to January 2017

- Since 2005, there were a total of **401** cases where human trafficking charges have been laid in Canada. Of these:
 - **382** cases were for domestic human trafficking charges
 - **19** cases were for international human trafficking charges
 - **115** cases successfully resulted in human trafficking specific and/or related convictions (i.e. forcible confinement and other sexual services related charges)
 - **249** cases remain pending before the court involving approximately 404 accused and 353 victims.
 - The longest Canadian sentences for human trafficking cases were as follows:
 - Sexual exploitation was 23 years (conviction by a judge alone)
 - Forced labour was 9 years (guilty plea)

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Final Record of Discussion
FPT Working Group on Trafficking in Persons
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1. Roundtable and Welcome

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4. Roundtable Discussion

- **British Colombia:**
 - Currently, there are 2 pilot projects in place between community groups and police human trafficking units. The first project is between a Vancouver community NGO and the Vancouver police department HT unit. Counselors and social workers are working alongside police to help with the investigation. This same type of initiative is also taking place in Surrey, between the RCMP and a local NGO called Surrey Women's Shelter.
 - Training in 12 BC communities for HT frontline workers. A years' worth of training is provided in an intensive 2 day format. This training helps individuals recognize, assist, coordinate, and provide support.
 - BC is currently in the process of creating a review document on Best Practices.

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Resources:

- Victor Porter from the BC Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons has provides a link to pocket cards that have been created, which provides resources for victims of human trafficking: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/law-crime-and-justice/criminal-justice/victims-of-crime/human-trafficking/toolkit/resources/pocket-card.pdf>

2017/18 ESTIMATES NOTE**Human Trafficking****Suggested Response:**

- B.C. takes its commitment to combating human trafficking seriously.
- Human trafficking has a profoundly negative impact on its victims, that's why we are actively involved in the effort to identify and assist victims, and bring those who traffic in individuals to justice.
- The province's Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons (OCTIP) is dedicated to working in partnership to assist trafficked persons and has been providing advice and support to communities and agencies regarding human trafficking since 2007.
- We have helped over 250 potentially trafficked people. For example, providing information about temporary residence permits, coordinating shelter and medical care, and liaising with municipal police and RCMP's Human Trafficking Coordinator, and other justice system personnel.

Conclusion of B.C.'s Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking at the end of 2016

- The action plan has laid a strong foundation for actions to combat human trafficking in B.C. The work to tackle this issue with our community stakeholders and other partners will continue.
- OCTIP is building on the achievements and accomplishments of the action plan and continues to support communities to prevent and respond to human trafficking.

Recent Human Trafficking Cases

- Reza Moazami was convicted of several charges related to the sexual exploitation and human trafficking of 11 young women in the Lower Mainland, many under 19 years of age at the time of the offence. He was sentenced in November 2015 to 23 years in prison. This is the first conviction on human trafficking charges under the Criminal Code in B.C. and the longest sentence in Canada for a human trafficking related case. Mr. Moazami has appealed both the conviction and the sentence.
- Franco Orr was convicted of human trafficking of a nanny from the Philippines into Canada, a form of human trafficking called domestic servitude, under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act. The BC Court of Appeal overturned his conviction and a new trial was held last year which resulted in a conviction for lesser charges.

Background:

- Since 2011, our government has provided more than \$2.2 million to organizations in B.C. to address issues of human trafficking and sexual exploitation through civil forfeiture proceeds.
- The province provides more than \$70 million in annual funding to programs across B.C. that provide assistance to victims of crime, women and children impacted by violence, and trafficked persons.
- All Community Safety and Crime Prevention Branch program staff have been encouraged to complete the OCTIP's online training, Human Trafficking: Canada is Not Immune, in order to assist in the identification and support of trafficked persons in B.C. This course is available to any B.C. public servant and currently front-line staff from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction are completing the training.
- Staff of the VictimLink BC phone line are trained regularly by OCTIP on indicators of human trafficking and respond to calls for assistance from trafficked persons and service providers province wide.

BC's Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking

- Publically released on March 15, 2013, the action plan focused on preventing and addressing trafficking of youth for sexual exploitation; vulnerable workers; and the domestic trafficking of aboriginal youth and women.
- The plan highlighted actions to raise awareness; provide training and education; foster community led responses and improve service coordination to trafficked persons. The development of the plan was informed by stakeholder consultations, research reports, and the office's history of coordinating B.C.'s response to human trafficking.
- Three status updates have been released reporting on work initiated and actions completed during the three years of the plan. The third year report on activities undertaken to implement the action plan was released in summer 2016.
- In fiscal year 2016-17 many activities were supported through grant funding from civil and criminal forfeiture and with federal funding. Some highlights include:
 - Train the Trainer workshops to build capacity to respond to situations of human trafficking in three B.C. communities, reaching over 120 service providers, police, teachers, First Nations and youth workers in Victoria, Penticton and Cranbrook;
 - A new toolkit for front line service providers about the trafficking of youth in B.C. has been published and training on the use of this toolkit is being implemented in the five communities of Penticton, Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Victoria and Prince George. This

toolkit is designed to increase police reporting and prosecutions for situations of youth sexual exploitation and human trafficking;

- A Knowledge Exchange event is being planned for the fall of 2017 on best practices to prevent and respond to human trafficking. A report documenting these best practices will be produced by March 2018; and
- A new project to address the domestic trafficking of Aboriginal girls and women is currently being developed in collaboration with the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres.

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