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The Honourable Linda Reid
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Room 207 - Parliament Buildings
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Dear Madam Speaker:

I write to you today to provide a response to recommendation five put forward by the Special Committee of the Legislative Assembly to Review the Independent Investigations Office (the Committee). Specifically, recommendation five states:

"The Ministry of Justice report publicly within one year of the presentation of the Committee's report on actions taken to address human resources issues at the Independent Investigations Office."

In February 2015, the Committee submitted a *Report of the Special Committee to Review the Independent Investigations Office* to the Legislative Assembly with seven recommendations regarding:

1. Government support for continued civilianization;
2. Discretion for the CCD to appoint investigators with police experience in British Columbia in the past five years;
3. A comprehensive statutory review of the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) by a Special Committee at least once every six years;
4. Continued close review by the Ministry of Justice of human resources practices at the IIO;
5. Public reporting by the Ministry of Justice, in one year, on actions taken to address human resources issues at the IIO;
6. Civilian monitor reports to be made public; and
7. Implementation of police use of body-worn cameras.

My staff are reviewing the other Committee recommendations and will provide me with a report in the near future. Recommendation seven is being reviewed separately by the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

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The IIO is an important part of police oversight in British Columbia. It was created in 2012 as part of government's commitment to British Columbians to increase transparency and accountability, and to improve public confidence in policing and our justice system. The IIO has a challenging mandate to investigate the most serious of police-involved incidents – death and serious harm. I have full confidence in the IIO to conduct competent and thorough investigations.

Yours very truly,



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