Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [IPS/95/2017]

Dear

On August 3, 2017, the Department of Justice and Public Safety received your request for access to the following records:

"Please provide all correspondence (including but not limited to emails, briefing notes, and Blackberry messages) relating to Andy Wells sent from July 1 to August 9, 2017. Of particular interest is the letter sent by Minister Parsons to Mr. Wells on July 19, as well as Mr. Well's reply to said letter."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Justice and Public Safety to provide access to most of the requested records. Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

30. (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information

   (a) that is subject to solicitor and client privilege or litigation privilege of a public body

33. (2) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant all relevant information created or gathered for the purpose of a workplace investigation.

40. (1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible. Please note, pages 83 to 88, and pages 93 to 94 have been severed in their entirety as per Section 30(1)(a) of the Act. Additionally, pages 3 to 6, page 38, and pages 81 to 82 have been severed in their entirety as per Section 33(2) of the Act. Finally, pages 46 to 71 have been severed in their entirety as per Sections 30(1)(a) and 33(2) of the Act.
Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request as set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8  
Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Office of Public Engagement’s website within one business day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at 709-729-0071, or haleykenny@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Haley Kenny  
ATIPP Coordinator
Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52 (1) or 53 (1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.
Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52.  (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner’s refusal under subsection 45 (2).
Are we expecting his response today?

G. John Samms, B.A., M.A., J.D.
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of Justice, Attorney General &
Government House Leader
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T: (709)729-4410
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johnsamms@gov.nl.ca
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Just received from Phil Buckingham concerning Mr Wells.

-Robin

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Philip Buckingham <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 1:00 PM
To: Fowler, Robin
Subject: Wells

As discussed.
Kenny, Haley

From: Fowler, Robin
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:17 PM
To: Parsons, Andrew; Samms, John
Cc: Delaney, Kim G.
Subject: Re: Andy Wells’ response - Attached

Chantal is already working on this. She is preparing to meet with us. I will follow up and see when she is ready.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: Parsons, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Samms, John; Fowler, Robin
Subject: Fw: Andy Wells’ response - Attached

I want this forwarded to all people necessary for immediate review. We will discuss by telephone tomorrow.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Stewart, Rhonda <rhondas@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Parsons, Andrew
Subject: FW: Andy Wells’ response - Attached

See attached.

Rhonda Stewart | Administrative Assistant
to the Honourable Andrew Parsons, QC
Minister of Justice and Public Safety
Attorney General
Department of Justice and Public Safety
4th Floor, East Block, Confederation Building
P. O. Box 8700
St. John’s, NL A1B 4J6
729-2869 Phone
729-0469 Fax
rhondas@gov.nl.ca

From: Parsons, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Subject: Re: Andy Wells’ response

Haven't seen it yet. Please forward.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Stewart, Rhonda
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Parsons, Andrew
Subject: Andy Wells' response

Andy Wells' original letter of response arrived. I assume Robin Fowler referred it to you via email.

If not, let me know and I will email it to you.

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From: Fowler, Robin
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 8:14 PM
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Cc: Samms, John; Delaney, Kim G.
Subject: Re: Wells

OK, let me know what works for you.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Fowler, Robin
Subject: RE: Wells

Hi, Robin,

I’ve reviewed Mr. Wells letter – would like to do a bit of work on this before we meet, but am available tomorrow or Friday if you and/or John and the Minister wish to discuss next steps.

Let me know when you wish to discuss?

Thanks,

C

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From: Fowler, Robin
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 1:09 PM
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>; Delaney, Kim G. <kimd@gov.nl.ca>
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Joe,

Good to have you back!

See attached for transcripts. I can fill you in on other details as needed.

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I am out of the office. Can we push back to 215? My cell is [redacted] I am clewing (yup that's how it's properly spelt) up a mediation.

I will be free at 215 of so I'd expect.

If free at 2 I will call.

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle [mailto:CNewhook@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Philip Buckingham <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file

Thanks, Phil. Up to you whether you want Mr. Wells to attend. We (my colleague Joe Anthony will join us on the call) trust that you can relay the message if he is not available.

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Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:22 AM
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file

I am indeed. Should my client be in attendance?

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle [mailto:CNewhook@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Philip Buckingham <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>
Subject: Andy Wells file
Good morning, Phil,

Are you available for a phone call at 2 p.m. today to discuss the Andy Wells matter?

Thanks and best regards,

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Hi, just called your office, Jennifer said that you’re in a mediation this afternoon. Please call me at 729-3970 at your convenience.

Thanks,

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Ok.

Sorry, no. In meetings until almost 2.

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Phil,

Thanks for taking the time for today’s phone call.

As per your request, please see ss.6(11):

http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/p47.htm#6

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Kenny, Haley

From: Fowler, Robin  
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:50 AM 
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle; Samms, John 
Subject: Re: AW

I have received nothing

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle  
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:39 AM  
To: Fowler, Robin; Samms, John  
Subject: AW

Morning, Gentlemen,

Just checking in – I haven’t heard from Phil Buckingham re AW, so wanted to ensure that he’d not contacted you before I poke him for a response to our offer last week.

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Yes. Have a letter in reply. Dictated but I am in tomorrow and will sign and send then.

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As per your request, please see ss.6(11):

http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/p47.htm#6

Best regards,
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Good morning, Phil,

Are you available for a phone call at 2 p.m. today to discuss the Andy Wells matter?

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Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:49 PM
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Subject: RE: Media Request: Andy Wells Suspension

Rp!

G. John Samms, B.A., M.A., J.D.
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Thanks for your help with this! If I was there I would give you a high five. ☺️

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Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:41 PM
To: Samms, John <JohnSamms@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Media Request: Andy Wells Suspension

Hi, John,

I emailed Mr. Wells’ lawyer, Phil Buckingham yesterday. Phil said late yesterday afternoon that he has instructions and would be sending me a letter. I’ve not yet seen it.
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From: Clarke, Lesley
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:13 PM
To: Hawley, Kim <kimhawley@gov.nl.ca>; Fowler, Robin <RobinFowler@gov.nl.ca>; Samms, John <johnSamms@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Stoodley, Amy <AmyStoodley@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Media Request: Andy Wells Suspension

Hi all,
Please see the media request below and advise.

Thanks!
Lesley

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 12:12 PM
To: Clarke, Lesley
Subject: Andy Wells Suspension

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Cc: Stoodley, Amy; MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
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Lesley

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Kenny, Haley

From: Wakeham, Stacie
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:02 AM
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Subject: HPE Records Manager CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING: R1684-2017: Well Andrew Chair & CEO Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities
Attachments: Well Andrew Chair & CEO Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.txt

Good Morning,

Fax received for you.

-----< HPE Records Manager record information >-----

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From: Samms, John  
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 4:42 PM  
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>  
Subject: Wells Update?

Minister wondering. I know we chatted late last week on possible approach, just wondering where we are now.
Hello ladies,

I'm looking for an update into the investigation being conducted into the actions of Chair of the PUB, Andy Wells. I know the department was looking into public statements allegedly made by Wells to Danny Breen.

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From: Hawley, Kim
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Stoodley, Amy
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL

Good

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Samms, John; Hawley, Kim; Walsh, Paula (Justice); Fowler, Robin; Ring, Stephen R.
Subject: FOR APPROVAL
Importance: High

Hi folks,

Please see response to request below for your approval.

1. The investigation into the actions of the Chair of the PUB is ongoing.

2. non-responsive

From: VOCM Feedback [mailto:feedback@vocm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Stoodley, Amy <AmyStoodley@gov.nl.ca>; Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Hello ladies

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8/14/2017
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Good.

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8/14/2017
Kenny, Haley

Subject: Meet with Joe
Location: Joe's office?
Start: Wed 7/26/2017 11:00 AM
End: Wed 7/26/2017 11:30 AM
Show Time As: Tentative
Recurrence: (none)
Meeting Status: Not yet responded
Organizer: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Required Attendees: Anthony, Joe

Good morning, Joe!

11 a.m. okay with you to discuss: [redacted]

C
We should discuss early next week.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone.
Good afternoon Amy,

I’m hearing that there is some movement with regards to Andy Wells’ suspension as PUB chair. Apparently some kind of resolution may be near?

Just wondering if there is any update on that front, or when I might expect an update.

I’m also wondering if it’s possible to get a copy of the letter sent to Minister Parsons regarding the suspension, as well as a copy of Mr. Wells’ reply.

I hope to hear from you soon.

Thanks,

Business Reporter
Hi, Phil,

I called but got voice mail. I'm in the office all day, so please call me at 729-3970.

Best regards,

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Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:57 AM
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file

Can we chat on this file? I can call you on Thursday.

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From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle [mailto:CNewhook@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Philip Buckingham <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file

Good morning, Phil,

Have you any instructions from Mr. Wells regarding our telephone discussion last week?

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Good morning,

I've left a message for Phil, returning his call. Will let you know what he is proposing, as soon as I hear from him.

C

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From: Philip Buckingham [mailto:Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 10:57 AM  
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>  
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file

Can we chat on this file? I can call you on Thursday.

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle [mailto:CNewhook@gov.nl.ca]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:15 AM  
To: Philip Buckingham <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>  
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file

Good morning, Phil,

Have you any instructions from Mr. Wells regarding our telephone discussion last week?

Best regards,

C

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From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 2:54 PM
To: 'Philip Buckingham' <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file

Phil,

Thanks for taking the time for today's phone call.

As per your request, please see ss.6(11):

http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/p47.htm#6

Best regards,

C

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From: Philip Buckingham <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:28 AM
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file

Ok.

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Philip Buckingham <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file
Sorry, no. In meetings until almost 2.

C

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Do you have a moment now for a quick chat?

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle [mailto:CNewhook@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Philip Buckingham <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file

Thanks, Phil. Up to you whether you want Mr. Wells to attend. We (my colleague Joe Anthony will join us on the call) trust that you can relay the message if he is not available.

C

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Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:22 AM
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells file
I am indeed. Should my client be in attendance?

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle [mailto:CNewhook@gov.nl.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Phillip Buckingham <Pbuckingham@gbbarristers.com>
Subject: Andy Wells file

Good morning, Phil,

Are you available for a phone call at 2 p.m. today to discuss the Andy Wells matter?

Thanks and best regards,

C

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Kenny, Haley

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 5:14 PM
To: Stanley, Todd; Fowler, Robin
Subject: FW: Resignation and Retirement

Just fyi, PUB folks and HR guru Susan Rumsey have been notified.

C

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From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 5:13 PM
To: 'cblundon@pub.nl.ca' <cblundon@pub.nl.ca>
Cc: Rumsey, Susan <SusanRumsey@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Resignation and Retirement

Good evening, Cheryl,

Please keep this confidential, but I just spoke with Darlene Whalen to let her know that Andy Wells has resigned/retired as PUB Chair and CEO (see below).

I am copying Susan Rumsey, in case you require any human resources assistance regarding Mr. Wells’ retirement/severance benefits. I, too, am available as needed.

Have a great weekend.

C

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From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 5:03 PM
To: 'andy wells'; Inquiries, Justice General <justice@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: 'Philip Buckingham' <Pbuckingham@ggbarristers.com>
Subject: RE: Resignation and Retirement

Dear Mr. Wells,

Thank you for your email dated August 3rd, resigning your position as PUB Chair and CEO. I will advise Minister Parsons, and as per your request, we will provide notice to the appropriate person(s) at the PUB, following which you will receive a letter outlining details pertaining to your retirement.

Best regards,

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From: andy wells [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Inquiries, Justice General <justice@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Resignation and Retirement

Hon. Andrew Parsons
Minister of Justice

Dear Sir,

Please accept this as my letter of resignation and retirement from the position as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility effective immediately.
Please advise the Chief Administrative Officer that I have retired so I can make the necessary arrangements re severance and separation.

Andy Wells
Good morning Chantal,

Thank you for your email. I'm gathering the information required for retirement/severance benefits and I do have a couple of questions. Perhaps Susan can give me a call when she gets a chance.

Thanks, Cheryl

Cheryl Blundon
Director of Corporate Services and Board Secretary
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From: Stanley, Todd
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Stoodley, Amy; MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Cc: Samms, John; Clarke, Lesley
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on Wells

Looks good here

Todd Stanley, QC
Deputy Minister and Deputy Attorney General (A)
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From: Stoodley, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:26 AM
To: Stanley, Todd <toddstanley@gov.nl.ca>; MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Samms, John <JohnSamms@gov.nl.ca>; Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on Wells
Importance: High

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August 8, 2017

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As Minister of Justice and Public Safety and as the Minister responsible for the Public Utilities Act, I take my role in the administration of the Act very seriously and am committed to ensuring its integrity.
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Kenny, Haley

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Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Stoodley, Amy; Stanley, Todd; MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Cc: Clarke, Lesley
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Kenny, Haley

From: Cannizzaro, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 9:00 AM
To: Joyce, Luke; Stoodley, Amy; Releases, News; Foote, Carla
Cc: Clarke, Lesley
Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on PUB

Approved

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Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:57 AM
To: Stoodley, Amy; Releases, News; Foote, Carla; Cannizzaro, Michelle
Cc: Clarke, Lesley
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on PUB

Michelle, ok with you? Now that he has announced he is running for mayor, media will likely ask about the PUB situation.

Thanks

From: Stoodley, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 8:53 AM
To: Joyce, Luke; Releases, News; Foote, Carla; Cannizzaro, Michelle
Cc: Clarke, Lesley
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on PUB

Fine by us. Thanks.

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Cc: Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on PUB

Amy, suggest deleting the piece about "moot point" as it seems redundant. just a slight change from me. If we're all ok with this version we will issue asap.
- Luke

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**From:** Stoodley, Amy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 08, 2017 8:47 AM  
**To:** Joyce, Luke; Releases, News; Foote, Carla; Barfoot, Scott; Cannizzaro, Michelle  
**Cc:** Clarke, Lesley  
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL: Statement on PUB  
**Importance:** High

Hi folks,  

Please see statement attached and below to be issued as soon as possible.

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Hi folks,

Can someone help with the severance question below?

Amy Stoodley  
Communications Director  
Department of Justice and Public Safety  
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Begin forwarded message:

From: VOCM Feedback <feedback@vocm.com>  
Date: August 8, 2017 at 9:42:19 AM NDT  
To: <amystoodley@gov.nl.ca>  
Subject: Andy Wells

Hello Amy,

Andy Wells says he’s resigned his position as Chair of the PUB.

Where does that leave the review into his public comments as Chair? Is he entitled to a severance/pension?

How much?

What is the process now that Wells has resigned and an interim Chair is in place?
I suggest a scrum. VOCM is inquiring as well.

Amy Stoodley
Communications Director
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On Aug 8, 2017, at 9:45 AM, Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Will I arrange something for after the House sits?

I'll be free later yes

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Good morning,
Please see the below request at advise.

Thanks!
Lesley

Good morning Lesley,
I'm writing about the discontinuation of the investigation in Andy Well's conduct as PUB Chair. Just wondering if Minister Parsons is available for an interview on that matter this morning.

Give me a call at [redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]

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gleNewfoundlandLabrador.com

[redacted]
Kenny, Haley

From: Parsons, Andrew
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Clarke, Lesley
Cc: Stoodley, Amy; Fleming, Mark; Samms, John; Stanley, Todd
Subject: Re: Interview Request: Wells Investigation

Sure

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From: Clarke, Lesley
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To: Parsons, Andrew
Cc: Stoodley, Amy; Fleming, Mark; Samms, John; Stanley, Todd
Subject: Interview Request: Wells Investigation

Good morning,
Please see the below request at advise.

Thanks!
Lesley

From: @allnewfoundlandlabrador.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Clarke, Lesley
Subject: Wells Investigation

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Give me a call at S40(1)

Thanks,

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Nothing to add, thanks. (Sorry for the delay, I had a meeting earlier this morning, so just seeing this now.)

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From: Samms, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Stoodley, Amy <AmyStoodley@gov.nl.ca>; Stanley, Todd <toddstanley@gov.nl.ca>; MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on Wells

Good here

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Stoodley, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 8:26 AM
To: Stanley, Todd; MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Cc: Samms, John; Clarke, Lesley
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Statement on Wells

Hi folks,

Please see statement below for your approval as soon as possible so I can send it upstairs to have it released shortly.

Justice and Public Safety
August 8, 2017
Minister Parsons announces Discontinuance of Investigation into Conduct of Chair and CEO of PUB

The following statement was issued today by the Honourable Andrew Parsons, Minister of Justice and Public Safety and Attorney General:

I wish to advise the public that the investigation into the conduct of the former Chair and CEO of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities has been discontinued.

Andy Wells advised the Department of Justice and Public Safety of his retirement on August 4th, and therefore the review of his conduct became a moot point. Rather than expending further resources on this matter, we are moving forward.

Vice Chair, Darlene Whalen will continue duties as the Chair and CEO of the Board and Commissioners of Public Utilities on an interim basis. The position will be filled by the Independent Appointments Commission.

As Minister of Justice and Public Safety and as the Minister responsible for the Public Utilities Act, I take my role in the administration of the Act very seriously and am committed to ensuring its integrity.

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Kenny, Haley

From: [Redacted]@allnewfoundlandlabrador.com  
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 10:27 AM  
To: Clarke, Lesley  
Subject: Re: Wells Investigation

No trouble! Thanks so much!

From: Clarke, Lesley  
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 10:20 AM  
To: [Redacted]@allnewfoundlandlabrador.com  
Subject: RE: Wells Investigation

Hi [Redacted]  
Unfortunately the Minister’s morning is full so this afternoon was the earliest. I will confirm if he will scrum or call and get back to you.  

Thanks!  
Lesley

From: [Redacted]@allnewfoundlandlabrador.com  
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 10:17 AM  
To: Clarke, Lesley  
Subject: Re: Wells Investigation

Hi Lesley,  
That option is not preferred, but if it’s the Minister’s only availability, it should be just fine.  
Would this be a phone interview or a scrum? I’d rather a phone interview, but just let me know if I have to physically get to the HoA if necessary.

Thanks so much,  
[S40(1)]

From: Clarke, Lesley  
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 10:05 AM  
To: [Redacted]  
Subject: RE: Wells Investigation

Hi [Redacted]  
Leave it with me and I’ll get back to you. I’m thinking it will be after the House of Assembly sits this afternoon. Would that work for you?

Thanks!  
Lesley
From: [redacted]@allnewfoundlandlabrador.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Clarke, Lesley
Subject: Wells Investigation

Good morning Lesley,

I’m writing about the discontinuation of the investigation in Andy Well’s conduct as PUB Chair. Just wondering if Minister Parsons is available for an interview on that matter this morning.

Give me a call at [redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]
Business Reporter
allNewfoundlandLabrador.com
709-722-6760

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Sure sounds good.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Stoodley, Amy <AmyStoodley@gov.nl.ca>; Stanley, Todd <toddstanley@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells

This version looks good to me, thanks.

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Cc: Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells

Good point. See below.
Mr. Wells will receive employment benefits to which he is entitled under Government’s Executive Compensation Plan Policies and Procedures. As Mr. Wells retired without notice on Friday past, information regarding his employment benefits is still being compiled, and will be communicated to Mr. Wells.

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From: Stanley, Todd
Sent: Tuesday, August 8, 2017 11:59 AM
To: Stoodley, Amy <AmyStoodley@gov.nl.ca>; MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells

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Cc: Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells
Importance: High

Thank you. Todd, are you okay with the following response to VOCM? They only want severance info now as their other questions were answered in our news release.

Mr. Wells will receive employment benefits to which he is entitled under Government’s Executive Compensation Plan Policies and Procedures. As Mr. Wells retired without notice on Friday past, information regarding his employment benefits is still being compiled, and will be communicated first to Mr. Wells.

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Subject: RE: Andy Wells

Good morning,

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Cc: Clarke, Lesley <LesleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Andy Wells

Hi, Amy,

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Hi folks,

Can someone help with the severance question below?

Amy Stoodley
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Begin forwarded message:

From: VOCM Feedback <feedback@vocm.com>
Date: August 8, 2017 at 9:42:19 AM NDT
To: amystoodley@gov.nl.ca
Subject: Andy Wells

Hello Amy,

Andy Wells says he’s resigned his position as Chair of the PUB.

Where does that leave the review into his public comments as Chair? Is he entitled to a severance/pension?

How much?

What is the process now that Wells has resigned and an interim Chair is in place?
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Will do

Thanks.

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From: Rumsey, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 9:33 AM
To: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle <CNewhook@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FYI - there is no personal file

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Kenny, Haley

From: MacDonald Newhook, Chantelle
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 10:36 AM
To: Wright, Kendra
Subject: Please call me?
Importance: High

Hi, Kendra,

Could you please call me at 3970 regarding the PUB/Andy Wells?

It is somewhat pressing...

Thanks,

C

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