

September 16, 2013

Hon. Suzanne Anton
Minister of Justice
Attorney General of BC
MLA Vancouver-Fraserview
Constituency Office
201 – 2607 E. 49th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5S 1J9

Dear Ms. Anton,

Re: Request for a Meeting & Request for Information (in Advance of a Meeting)

Congratulations for earning a victory in the spring provincial election, and very best wishes regarding your new, important and challenging role within the BC Government.

I am writing to you on behalf of the Wrongful Death Law Reform Group, which is made up of family representatives who first rallied together back in 2005, in an attempt to improve BC's laws. I have been assisting the families (on a volunteer basis) since the beginning, along with Burnaby-based lawyer Don Renaud. As you and your Ministry's staff know, the family representatives and various group supporters across the province have been calling for new legislation to govern over cases of wrongful death.

At this time, we are operating without aid of updated key information. Though the government conducted and completed a consultation process in 2007 regarding reform of the outdated *Family Compensation Act*, we have been told the matter continues to be explored. We were advised by your Ministry, last year, that an actuary was hired to carry out assessments as to the projected costs of reform. We would be grateful to learn the results of that effort. As well, we remain unable to obtain a complete (i.e. uncensored) copy of the consultation submission ICBC provided the government with back in 2007, or subsequent submissions. We would appreciate an opportunity to meet with you for the purpose of sharing information, as well as discussing the need for new legislation. Given that the BC Government is not holding a fall session of the legislature, we request a meeting as soon as possible, sometime before the end of October.

Enclosed with this letter is a campaign booklet that we assembled to help educate legislators and members of the public as to why new legislation is needed. It contains our recommendation for model legislation. It will soon be sent to all government MLAs. I've also enclosed a return envelope for ease of receiving correspondence. Additionally, I can be reached at my personal email address and by phone, as follows: mjbirrell@gmail.com, 604-999-8338.

Sincerely,
Margaret Birrell
Liaison to the WDLRG



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