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Attention: Ms. Birrell

Wrongful Death Legislation

Thank you for your letter dated September 16, 2013, requesting a meeting with Minister Anton for the purposes of sharing information and attaching your organization's campaign booklet. Unfortunately the Minister is not in a position to meet with you at this time.

You have asked for an update of the work being done on the *Family Compensation Act* (the Act). The ministry continues to work on a financial analysis of various options for reform of the Act. As Cabinet decisions are involved in the timing and content of legislative reform, we are unable to indicate anything further at this time. You mention in your letter that you have been unable to obtain a complete copy of ICBC's consultation submission from 2007, or subsequent submissions. As we have previously indicated in correspondence to you, the release of any third party material is subject to the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*—these provisions were applied when you requested the ICBC information previously.

The ministry is familiar with the work of the Wrongful Death Law Reform Group (WDLRG) and its position on wrongful death law reform. It should be acknowledged that the position of the WDLRG represents a far-reaching approach to reform that is not found in any Canadian jurisdiction. As you likely know, there are many stakeholders who have an interest in reforms to the *Family Compensation Act*, representing both plaintiff and defendant groups. In response to the 2007 consultation, the ministry heard from many stakeholders with opposing and strongly held positions. The perspective of your group will be identified for Cabinet along with those who hold other opinions.

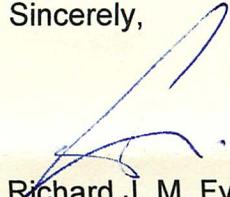
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As indicated previously, the ministry acts on Cabinet direction. I am confident that when and if the ministry is in a position to share information publicly, you will be advised.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,



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