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Dear Mr. Doyle:

Thank you for your letter of July 23, 2010, to the Honourable Michael de Jong, Attorney General, regarding wrongful death legislation and the *Family Compensation Act*. The Attorney General has forwarded your letter to me for reply.

As indicated in your letter, in June 2007, the Ministry of Attorney General initiated a consultation process on proposed reforms to the *Family Compensation Act*. The ministry published a discussion paper entitled "Reforming British Columbia's Family Compensation Act".

As you are aware, the paper outlined several possible changes to the Act, based on recent legislative initiatives in other provinces and policy proposals advanced by several stakeholders. While some individuals and organizations supported many of the changes referenced in the discussion paper, a number of stakeholders were strongly opposed to the reforms, and expressed concern that changes could lead to increases in insurance rates. In light of the strong opinions expressed both for and against the proposed changes, the ministry is continuing to review and consider possible reforms to the Act, which remains under active consideration by the government.

Thank you for writing with your concerns.

Sincerely,

Nancy Carter  
Executive Director

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