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Ms. Lisa Lapointe
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Dear Ms. Lapointe:

I am writing to follow up on the recent letter to the BC Coroners Services dated March 7, 2019, in which the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions, the Ministry of Health, and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General provided a progress update on actions taken in response to the *BC Coroners Service Death Review Panel: A Review of Illicit Drug Overdoses*. In this correspondence we noted that the next progress update would be provided in April 2019.

Due to the short time between the release of the Fall 2018 update and proposed Spring 2019 update, we have determined that the next substantial progress report to the BC Coroners Services will be the final report in September 2019.

We remain committed to public reporting on actions being taken to improve the substance use system of care and reduce overdose deaths. Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for your continued work to support the provincial response to the overdose emergency.

Sincerely,

Taryn Walsh
Assistant Deputy Minister
Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions

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