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July 30, 2015

Honourable Naomi Yamamoto  
Minister of State for Emergency Preparedness  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C.  
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Dear Minister:

Congratulations on your new role. I am very excited about the opportunity you have to continue to execute on the priorities of our government as we serve the people of British Columbia.

As demonstrated by recent global natural disasters, it is essential that citizens and their governments are prepared as well as possible in the event of a catastrophic event.

In British Columbia, our emergency preparedness is led by Emergency Management BC, which will become part of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, given that the management of our critical public infrastructure is essential to getting aid to those in need following a disaster.

As you know, the annual mandate letter you receive is designed to be an ongoing workplan for your ministry that is updated on an annual basis.

Your mandate for the following year is as follows:

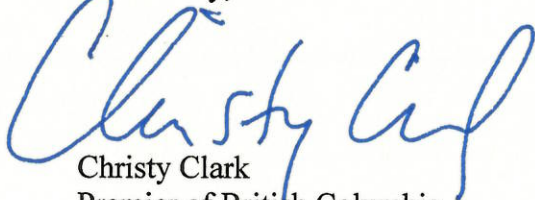
1. Balance your ministerial budget in order to control spending and ensure an overall balanced budget for the province of British Columbia.
2. Work with EMBC to develop and implement Exercise Coastal Response, a full-scale major earthquake and tsunami response exercise in the Port Alberni region in June, 2016.
3. Review and make recommendations to Cabinet on how to implement the recommendations of the Renteria report on earthquake preparedness.

4. As part of the government response to the Renteria report on earthquake preparedness, implement the neighbourhood emergency preparedness campaign.
5. Work with BC communities that could be impacted by floods to determine what measures could be taken to reduce these risks and report to Cabinet by March 31, 2016.
6. Lead a review of the Emergency Preparedness Act to ensure the legislation is up to date and effective in managing the impacts of emergencies in British Columbia reporting to the Cabinet Committee on Secure Tomorrow by March 31, 2016.

In addition, as discussed and approved by Cabinet, our government is committed to ensuring British Columbia government services are easily accessed by our citizens and businesses. Minister Coralee Oakes will be leading this initiative on my behalf and over the following 12 months she will be reaching out to all ministries to assist in reducing unnecessary red tape and regulation.

It is hard to believe but it has been two years since the people of British Columbia put their faith in us to lead their province. We have accomplished much in those two years, but much work remains to deliver the promise of a strong economy and secure tomorrow for our citizens. I look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christy Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christy" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Clark".

Christy Clark  
Premier of British Columbia