



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Special Prosecutor Update

Victoria – Independent Special Prosecutor David Butcher, QC has advised the Criminal Justice Branch (CJB), Ministry of Justice, that completion of his final report relating to the investigation arising out of matters addressed in the *Review of the Draft Multicultural Strategic Outreach Plan*, as well as alleged infractions of the *Election Act*, has taken longer than he anticipated. As a result, the report setting out his decisions in this matter will not be delivered to CJB by the end of September, as he had previously anticipated.

Mr. Butcher has advised CJB that the report will be completed as soon as is reasonably practicable, however, a specific timeline is not currently available.

In August 2015, Mr. Butcher received the results of an ongoing police investigation in the matter. The results of his review of all of the investigative material submitted to date, and his decisions in relation to the matter, will be publicly announced through a Media Statement developed in consultation with CJB, at an appropriate point following completion of the review.

CJB's Special Prosecutors policy, as well as general information on the role of Special Prosecutors in British Columbia are available on-line at:

<http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/policy-man/pdf/CJB-SPE1-SpecialProsecutors.pdf>

<http://www.ag.gov.bc.ca/prosecution-service/pdf/Role-Special-Prosecutors.pdf>

Neither the Special Prosecutor, nor CJB is able to release additional information or comment further at this time.

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