

FW: Autism Parent Letter + House Statement

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Attachments: FINAL DM MO and Sarah Hardy approved language.doc (33.79 kB); Back-pocket financials - HESP 10K payments.pptx (131.05 kB); DRAFT Minister's Letter to Parents - OAPPT SSSB CSB DM MD.DOCX (28.85 kB); Autism - public commitments from MCYS Minister in Question Period and financial risk.msg (876.03 kB)

Hey guys - see below and attached.

-----Original Message-----

From: Laughton, Patrick (TBS)
Sent: March 30, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Simone, Nicole (TBS)
Cc: Nelson, Dane (TBS); Arbabzadeh, Nina (TBS)
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Hey Nicole -

Some concern brewing over here regarding Minister Couteau's announcement (attached) and the commitment early this week in the house to provide funding beyond Summer 2016 (if the new program is not implemented), this does not align with their approvals and comes with material financial risk.

Could you please share with MO and Alexi in particular (he has had discussions with Jody and is keen to receive)? It would also be useful to flag for MOF DMO/MO given potential impact on plan.

Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hendry, Jody (TBS)
Sent: March-30-17 10:27 AM
To: Arbabzadeh, Nina (TBS); Laughton, Patrick (TBS)
Cc: Dodbiba, Teuta (TBS); Lee, Kevin D. (TBS); Dodbiba, Teuta (TBS)
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Hi Nina and Patrick,

As a follow up to the Minister Coteau's comments on Monday about Autism.

- Attached is the PO approved statements (for today - see below for extract) and letter to parents (to go out next week)
- Both documents reference that the full implementation for the Autism Program will not be until 2018 and that there is a commitment to continuing to offer direct funding to families in transition.

As noted previously - MCYS is forecasting that the cost of this commitment for 2017-18 is approximately \$13M - \$43M (see attached slide deck) and it is expected that this commitment will also carry on to approximately fall 2018 and I would expect the same risks in 2018-19.

I am trying to find out from CAB what will get approved when Autism comes to HESP on April 24th and TB/MBC following considering these public commitments.

Any questions let me know - Jody

Extract Minister's speaking points:

Minister Coteau will be including the following comment to his statement on World Autism Awareness day committing

- Mr. Speaker, I have heard from families how important it is to have choice. Therefore, a direct funding option will be available in the new OAP for all families who want it. A smooth transition to the new OAP for families is our priority. And, I want to assure families that come June, current direct funding will continue to be offered through the transition period until a spot becomes available in the new program.