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Subject: ER/PR key messages - ATIPPA request

Importance: High

Minister,
Please see key messages below for your review in response to ATIPPA request.

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Key Messages for Minister Wiseman - ATIPPA Request July 12, 2007

- Government is committed to full disclosure about ER/PR testing at Eastern Health.
- On May 22, we announced that Government would establish a Judicial Commission of Inquiry. We recognize it is of the utmost importance for those directly involved and the general public to understand what happened to ensure that this situation does not reoccur. Through an independent review, we will endeavor to get those answers. It is critical that patients and their families are assured that government takes this matter very seriously and that any questions they have are addressed in an open and transparent manner.
- Justice Cameron is highly qualified to undertake this review. I am confident that she will do a thorough review.
- This issue has been in the public domain since October 2005, when results started to come back from Mount Sinai and patients were being contacted.
- Government first became aware of some preliminary test results in August 2006. Again, patients were being contacted starting the previous October. We were assured by Eastern Health that patients were being notified. Patient safety was our utmost priority.
- There was no direction given by Government or no intention by Government at any time to withhold information from patients.
- Eastern Health held a media briefing in December 2006. At the time their focus was on the 117 patients who had a change in test result and a change in treatment plan. Eastern Health did not provide the media with the number of test results that had changed (317), which resulted in the source of much confusion. I believe these numbers should have been released.

Chronology

January 19, 2007 - Present

May 15, 2007

- CBC Radio story - court documents show that Eastern Health got many more medical tests wrong than it reported in December 2006.

Wednesday, May 16 - Discussion with the Premier

Friday, May 18 - Eastern Health holds media briefing

Tuesday, May 22

- MHA briefing (continued on May 23rd).
- Announcement of Judicial Commission of Inquiry.

Chronology

March 14, 2006 - January 19, 2007

August 18, 2006 - Briefing note prepared for the Premier which outlines preliminary test results from Mount Sinai.

November 23, 2006 - Verbal briefing with the Minister

December 11, 2006 - Eastern Health holds media briefing