



Yukon Legislative Assembly

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October 17, 2022

Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee
Deputy Premier
Minister of Justice
Minister of Health and Social Services
P.O. Box 2703
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Dear Minister McPhee,

On October 12, 2022, you tabled *Bill 16, Second Act to amend the Legal Professions Act 2017 (2022)*. This was notable because, according to your previous statements in the Yukon Legislative Assembly, you are a member of the legal profession.

I also note your mandate letter includes the following instruction from the Premier:

“You are to respect the letter and spirit of the conflict of interest rules for Ministers and to actively seek, and abide by, guidance from the Conflict of Interest Commissioner.”

Since the Premier has required that you actively seek guidance from the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, and since there is a potential appearance of a real or perceived conflict of interest in this situation, we believe the public deserves accountability from you. Can you please advise whether you sought advice from the Conflict Commissioner prior to being involved in Cabinet discussions pertaining to *Bill 16, Second Act to amend the Legal Professions Act 2017 (2022)*?

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Brad Cathers
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