



# BRITISH COLUMBIA

VIA EMAIL

July 2, 2021

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Dear Karen Christiansen:

I approve the revised 2021/22 Budget Management Plan (BMP) for Legal Aid BC as submitted on June 3, 2021, reflecting the funding figures confirmed on Budget Day, assuming we have a common understanding and agreement on the following points:

1. I note that the revised BMP includes a forecast of \$3 million for capital expenditures; this amount does not align with the proposed capital expenditure provided in the preliminary BMP or the \$2 million budget that was approved in the 2021/22 Service Plan. I have asked ministry staff to work with you to monitor these expenditures and determine where mitigation strategies can be implemented to control these costs.
2. I expect that any mitigation strategies that could impact service delivery will not be undertaken until after all options have been assessed jointly by LABC and ministry staff.

Please continue to submit your monthly forecasts to ministry staff according to the agreed upon schedule. When doing so, please advise of and explain any notable variances in all budget areas. Please also notify ministry staff if any new priorities or cost pressures arise.

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As the ministry continues to respond to the evolving needs of people in this province, I appreciate your engagement in the design and implementation of solutions that improve legal aid services for British Columbians.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DEBY', written in a cursive style.

David Eby, QC  
Attorney General and  
Minister Responsible for Housing

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