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TO: MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

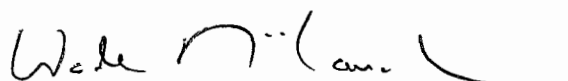
Section 5 of the *Public Departments Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-29 provides that:

- 5(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order published in the Gazette,
- (a) establish, vary or disestablish any department or transfer any powers, duties or functions or the control or supervision of any part of the public service from one Minister of the Crown to any other Minister of the Crown or from one department of the public service to any other department of the public service;
  - (b) amalgamate and combine any two or more departments under one Minister of the Crown and, subject to subsections 7(3) and (4), under one Deputy Minister or change the name of or reorganize any one or more departments;
  - © alter the style by which any Minister of the Crown or public officer is to be known.
- (2) All Orders made under subsection (1) shall be laid before the Legislative Assembly within fifteen days after they are made if the Legislative Assembly is then sitting, and if not, then within fifteen days from the commencement of the next ensuing session of the Legislative Assembly.

Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sitting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 65<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, two such Orders of the Lieutenant Governor in Council have been issued pursuant to subsection 5(1) of the Act.

- Order-in-Council EC2016-847 dated December 13, 2016 was issued to transfer control and supervision of the Labour and Industrial Relations Services Section and the Workers Compensation Board and all powers, duties and functions related to labour and industrial relations services from the Minister of Justice and Public Safety/Department of Justice and Public Safety to the Minister of Workforce and Advanced Learning/Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning. The Order was published in the Royal Gazette of December 24, 2016.
- Order-in-Council EC2017-130 dated February 28, 2017 was issued to establish the Department of Rural and Regional Development; to style the titles of the Minister and Deputy Minister of the Department; to transfer responsibility for all statutes, powers, duties and functions of the Rural Economic Development Division from the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries/Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to the Minister of Rural and Regional Development/Department of Rural and Regional Development; and to transfer responsibility for administration of the *Employment Development Agency Act* and transfer control and supervision of the Employment Development Agency from the Minister of Workforce and Advanced Learning/Department of Workforce and Advanced Learning to the Minister of Rural and Regional Development/Department of Rural and Regional Development. The Order was published in the Royal Gazette of March 11, 2017.

As Minister responsible for administration and supervision of the *Public Departments Act*, I hereby present the said Orders to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with the Act.



Honourable H. Wade MacLauchlan  
President of the Executive Council