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From: Erin.MacDonald
Sent: August 4, 2021 8:37 AM
To: jackie.hong@cbc.ca
Subject: RE: CBC Yukon request for comment - Hidden Valley sexual abuse

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From: Jackie Hong <jackie.hong@cbc.ca>
Sent: August 3, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Erin.MacDonald <Erin.MacDonald@yukon.ca>
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CC: cabinet-com
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From: Matthew.Cameron
Sent: August 4, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Erin.MacDonald; Renee.Francoeur
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This did not answer any of my questions. I am not asking for comment on the lawsuit.

The matter of if and when the department or school ever notified parents of the situation is not before the courts.

The ending of the employment of the EA is not before the courts.

You also did not provide any comment or acknowledgement of the systemic review launched by the child and youth advocate, as we had discussed on the phone yesterday. That matter is, again, not before the courts.

Again, I ask — did the department at any point notify parents about the criminal charges against or eventual convict of the EA? When did the EA cease being an employ of Hidden Valley?

The Yukon child and youth advocate has launched a systemic review of safety and supports at Hidden Valley. She has also made some immediate recommendations, such as have a social worker assigned to the school. Will the department be cooperating with the review, and will it act on the advocate's immediate recommendations?

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