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April 24, 2023

Karen Christiansen
Chair, Board of Directors
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Dear Karen Christiansen:

I approve Legal Aid BC's (LABC) revised 2023/24 Budget Management Plan (BMP) as submitted on March 30, 2023, reflecting budget decisions and directives received on Budget Day, assuming we have a common understanding and agreement on the following points:

1. I note that LABC's three-year budget includes a technology expenditure plan with estimated costs to implement an IT strategy over the next five fiscal years, but that LABC has not identified \$4.6M in revenue to fully fund work planned for 2026/27 and 2027/28.

My approval of your BMP is only based on confirmed revenues for the next three years. As such, there can be no expectation of increased provincial revenue to fund work planned for 2026/27 and 2027/28. If LABC is unsuccessful in securing additional funding in future years, further options will be considered to reduce the scope or adjust project completion dates.

2. I understand that LABC is preparing to close its Terrace Parents Legal Centre during fiscal 2023/24. While your BMP reflects minimal savings from this fiscal year, I expect LABC to work closely with ministry staff to determine whether any unallocated funds in future years can be used to make service enhancements in other areas.

Please continue to submit your monthly forecasts to ministry staff according to the agreed upon schedule provided to you. When doing so, please advise of and explain any notable variances in all budget areas.

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Please also notify ministry staff if any new priorities, cost pressures or forecasted surpluses arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Niki Sharma', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Niki Sharma, KC
Attorney General

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