

## Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly

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Maurice Herauf, Q.C. Conflict of Interest Commissioner Box 10, 630 - 1855 Victoria Avenue REGINA, SK S4P 3T2

Dear Mr. Herauf:

I hope you are comfortably settling into your new role as Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

I write to you today regarding the potential for a conflict of interest related to the Premier's work with the WE organization.

The Government of Saskatchewan posted an Advanced Contract Award Notice indicating its intention to sole source mental health consulting services from the WE organization on May 11, 2020. The Premier has confirmed in media interviews that he and his family have a longstanding relationship with the WE organization, which includes travel that the Premier and his wife took to volunteer with the WE organization in December 2019 and January 2020, and work that his daughter has done to promote the WE organization.

Speaking to the media on July 14, 2020, the Premier made it clear that he was aware of the potential for a contract between the WE organization and the Government of Saskatchewan in the summer or fall of 2019, and that he had discussed the matter with the Minister of Education. The Premier also indicated in that media availability that he had sought an opinion from your office concerning the potential for a conflict of interest regarding travel with the WE organization to Kenya, and that your predecessor determined that he saw no conflict.

However, it is unclear if the Premier revealed to your predecessor that the Premier was aware that there was a potential for a future contract between the WE organization and the Government of Saskatchewan at the time when he sought his opinion. Last week, I called on the Premier to release all of his correspondence with your office to provide full transparency, and to date, he has not done so.







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Because of the Premier's refusal to release his correspondence with your office, there is no way for the public to know if the Premier provided all of the relevant facts to your predecessor, and in particular, whether or not the Premier shared with your office that he had discussed the potential for a contract with the WE organization with the Minister of Education in the summer or fall of 2019.

I respectfully request that you reexamine this file to determine if the Premier disclosed all of the relevant information when he first sought an opinion from your office. If the Premier failed to disclose his knowledge of and previous discussions regarding the potential for a contract between the Government of Saskatchewan and the WE organization, I request that pursuant to subsection 29(1) of *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*, you conduct an inquiry into whether or not the Premier's work with the WE organization while the Government of Saskatchewan was considering a contract with WE constitutes a breach of *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter for people in our province.

Sincerely,

Carla Beck, M.L.A.

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Official Opposition Critic for Education

cc: The Honourable Scott Moe, E.C.S., M.L.A., Premier of Saskatchewan