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Via Email

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Honourable Michael de Jong, QC
Minister of Finance and Government House Leader
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister de Jong:

I am writing to inform you, as Minister responsible for the legislation for which I have oversight, that at the end of my current term as Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia I will be moving to a new position, and will not be seeking re-appointment. My term ends July 6, 2016.

The position I have been offered—subject to review by a parliamentary committee—is that of Information Commissioner for the United Kingdom.

It has been a privilege to serve as British Columbia's Commissioner for the past six years, and I hope that my contribution to strengthening privacy and access rights has been of value to the citizens of our province. I leave believing that the independence and impartiality of this Office has served the public well.

I also leave knowing that government's awareness of the importance of privacy and security of personal information, the need for good record keeping of government decisions and the public's right to know have been enhanced during my tenure.

I would like to thank you and the legislative critic for your on-going consideration of this important public policy area.

I am providing a copy of this letter to the Opposition critic for your ministry. In addition, a copy of this letter will be posted on my Office's website.

Yours truly,

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Elizabeth Denham
Information and Privacy Commissioner for
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