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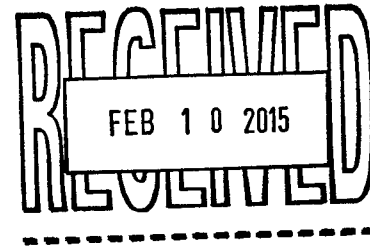
Kim,

I consulting with Marv Berstein, Chief Policy Advisor of UNICEF Canada

He looked at the population sizes of NS, NB, NFLD and SASK (via internet) and the last published Annual Reports of the Child and Youth Advocates in those provinces containing Annual budgets. He also conferred with the former Ombudsman and Child and Youth Advocate in New Brunswick, Bernard Richard, who did a study into the roles of the NB Independent Officer. He and Bernard agreed that an initial operating budget for an independent Children's Commissioner in NS would be somewhere between 1.3 and 1.5 million dollars.

In addition, if you wanted to drill down further, the Annual Reports of the various Offices across the country would have their operating budgets listed - see the Canadian Council of Child and Youth Advocate Offices (CCCYA) website at <http://www.cccya.ca/content/members/Index.asp?langid=1> and click on Members by Province/Territory for the list of Child and Youth Advocate offices and then look for Annual Reports on their individual websites.





February 5, 2015

Ms. Kim Langille
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Dear Ms. Langille:

Thank you for your letter of December 31, 2014, to the Honourable Joanne Bernard, Minister of Community Services, requesting a status update regarding a timeline for the *Children and Family Services Act*. The Minister has requested that I respond to you on her behalf as Acting Executive Director of Child, Youth and Family Supports.

I am pleased to advise that the Minister intends to introduce amendments to the Act during the Spring Session of 2015.

Thank you, again, for your continued interest in this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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c. Hon. Joanne Bernard (Ref.:# 2014-01-00439)