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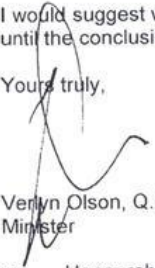
Dear Ms. Nolette:

Thank you for your letter of April 19, 2011 regarding French legal services in Alberta.

As you may be aware, the Court of Queen's Bench in Alberta in *Caron* ruled that there is no constitutional obligation on Alberta to publish laws in French as well as English. That case is on appeal to be heard some time in the fall of 2011. The *Pooran/Vaillant* decision from the Provincial Court of Alberta which you spoke of dealt with statutory interpretation of the *Languages Act* and Mr. Vaillant's case is still before the Court.

I would suggest we defer any discussion of the status of the French language in Alberta until the conclusion of the current litigation on these issues.

Yours truly,


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cc: Honourable Ed Stelmach, Premier
and all Government MLAs

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