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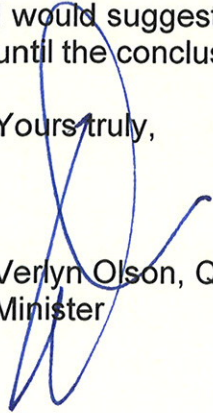
Dear Ms. Huard-Peake:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 2011 regarding a memorandum of the legal and judicial status of the French language in Alberta. It is clear your Association has done a significant amount of work on this issue.

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* decision from the Provincial Court of Alberta which you spoke of dealt with statutory interpretation of the *Languages Act*. The appeal period has not expired.

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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Minister