



Premier of Alberta

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Mr. Jonathan Denis, Q.C.
Minister of Justice and Solicitor General
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Dear Mr. Denis:

It is my privilege to have the opportunity to serve the people of Alberta with you. Together we will build an accountable, better governed and more responsible government. This letter outlines how your Ministry can deliver on my priorities, restoring the bond of trust between Albertans and their government.

Our government's conduct will be in accordance with the highest standards of professionalism, deportment and ethical behaviour, in which all Albertans can be proud. We will demonstrate the highest degree of integrity, responsibility and accountability to our colleagues, the public service, and above all, to the Alberta people who have entrusted us with this tremendous responsibility. As a Minister of my government you will be expected to adhere to the letter and spirit of the new code of ethics of our government.

Ours will be a government that listens to its people and communicates effectively, efficiently and competently in the delivery of the following five clear priorities:

- A focused commitment to sound, conservative fiscal principles;
- Ending entitlements and restoring the public trust;
- Maximizing the value of our natural resources and respecting property rights;
- Establishing our province as an environmental leader; and
- Increasing Albertans' quality of life by becoming the leader in the areas of health care, education and skills training.

In light of these priorities, there are specific areas that require your dedicated effort and focus as Minister of Justice and the Solicitor General of Alberta:

- Work with police, Human Services and communities to advance safe communities;
- Ensure appropriate funding for Legal Aid;
- Support victims of crime and effective custody and correctional services across the province; and
- Ensure the effectiveness of the maintenance enforcement program.

I expect the priorities of your Ministry to align with the priorities of our government.

I am a great believer in the vast potential of our province. The opportunity that we have in the next few years will shape this province for the decades to come. I am confident that we can meet the challenges ahead and leave a positive legacy for Alberta.

Sincerely,



Jim Prentice

Premier of Alberta