

From: [Shea, Erin](#)
To: [Parsons, Andrew](#)
Subject: FYI - KMs - IEAC Final Recommendations
Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 4:58:45 PM
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Hi Minister:

Please see these KMs that I'll provide to respond to request from Branch at the bottom. Only change is in the highlighted section.

Thanks,
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KEY MESSAGES

Municipal Affairs and Environment IEAC Final Recommendations

June 1, 2018

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Anticipated Questions:

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Secondary Messages:

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Subject: Messages

Hello,

Please provide messages on the following issues by noon on Monday.

- 1) IEAC/Methylmercury
- 2) Innu/Inuit Inquiries
- 3) Indigenous children in care
- 4) Strengthening service delivery to Indigenous children, youth and their families under the new legislation
- 5) Qalipu enrollment
- 6) Truth and Reconciliation
- 7) Funding for the St. John's Native Friendship Centre
- 8) United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- 9) Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

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Scott

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