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Dear Sem Ponnambalam:

Thank you for your email to The Honourable Wab Kinew, Premier of Manitoba, about the Coalition for Canadian Police Excellence's proposal to establish a National Centre of Police Excellence. As your proposal falls under the jurisdiction of Manitoba Justice, your correspondence was referred to the Honourable Matt Wiebe, Minister of Justice and Attorney General. I am pleased to respond on the Minister's behalf.

Manitoba Justice appreciates you sharing your proposal to enhance police training and education in Canada. Unfortunately, neither the Premier nor the Minister are available for a meeting, but I would like to share some of Manitoba's current training programs for police and peace officers.

In 2020, the Community Safety and Knowledge Alliance (CSKA) conducted a comprehensive review of Manitoba's Police Services Act. The review examined the extent to which the Act supports the professional delivery of policing and included 70 recommendations to modernize, enhance, and reform the legislative framework that governs policing in Manitoba. The review recommendations included the need to develop policing standards, a uniform code of conduct, and standardized training for police officers in the province.

Since the release of the CSKA review report, Manitoba Justice has taken significant steps to implement its recommendations. In 2022, the Manitoba Legislative Assembly passed Bill 30, the Police Services Amendment and Law Enforcement Review Amendment Act, which lays the foundation for the creation of policing standards and a uniform code of conduct for police officers in Manitoba.

In addition to Bill 30, Manitoba Justice has taken steps to establish standardized training for police officers. In September 2022, Manitoba Justice entered into an agreement with Clunis Consulting Group, led by former Chief of the Winnipeg Police Service and local community safety advocate, Devon Clunis. The consultant was tasked with developing a road map for the creation of a Public Safety Training Strategy for Manitoba. This included facilitating discussions with communities, public safety partners, and the establishment of the Manitoba Public Safety Training Strategy Steering Committee. Manitoba Justice is currently developing an implementation plan for standardized training, which will ensure a common curriculum with cultural components and

consistent standards for police and safety officers at all levels.

Moreover, RCMP cadets are trained at the RCMP Training Academy Depot Division in Regina, Saskatchewan. The Cadet Training Program is an extensive 26-week basic training course offered in both official languages, followed by a six-month competency-based Recruit Field Training program. Manitoba's RCMP vacancy rates are steadily improving, and the RCMP's new regionalized policing model and continuous rotation system are showing positive results.

I want to thank you again for sharing your proposal for the establishment of a National Centre of Police Excellence. Manitoba Justice is committed to improving public safety throughout the province through continued collaboration with municipal and law enforcement partners.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Manitoba government.

Sincerely,

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