



Statement

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For Immediate Release

Representative for Children and Youth Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond has reviewed today's Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) Information Bulletin regarding the establishment of an advisory committee to assist with the ministry's multi-year planning. The Information Bulletin does not properly reflect the nature of discussions between MCFD and the Representative's Office with respect to this group.

The Representative continues to have deep concerns about this committee's work being based largely on the Dec. 14, 2015 report of Bob Plecas. RCY released an assessment of that report on April 28 and made two basic recommendations which have not yet been addressed by government.

RCY is happy to participate in the work of this committee in an appropriate manner once government has responded to the recommendations in the April 28 report and ensured that Aboriginal leadership has been appropriately consulted and involved in this process.

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