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Sessional Paper No.P-171

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RESPONSE:

We want to assure the community that improving access to justice for all court users is a core focus of our government. The ministry is aware of the important issues facing individuals involved in the justice system and remains committed to ensuring that the administration of the courts is responsive to the needs and interests of the public.

I understand the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace is temporarily moving all Minden Provincial Offence matters to the Lindsay Provincial Offences court effective July 1, 2017 until July 1, 2018. The scheduling of judicial resources and court sittings is at the discretion of the judiciary and it would not be appropriate for the ministry to comment further on these matters.

The Minister has asked the Justices of the Peace Appointments Advisory Committee, which is an independent agency, to recruit for 43 justices of the peace, including 8 to sit in Central East region. This recruitment is well underway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yasir Naqvi".

Yasir Naqvi
Attorney General