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Justice and Public Safety

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Public Inquiries Act

Order Text:

Under the authority of section 29 of the Public Inquiries Act, 2006, the Lieutenant-Governor in Council is pleased to establish the following policies respecting funding and administrative matters relating to the Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System established pursuant to the Inquiry Respecting the Treatment, Experiences and Outcomes of Innu in the Child Protection System Order:

1) Participation Costs

a) The family of each deceased Innu child or youth, whose death will be investigated pursuant to subsection 4(2) of the Order, shall be provided funding to facilitate their participation in the Inquiry, through budget appropriations for the Department of Justice and Public Safety (Activity - Other Inquiries - 2.3.03.02), in accordance with rates of remuneration and reimbursement approved by the Treasury Board, which funding shall be sufficient to cover, particular to the topic of that case:

- i) preparation for the Inquiry;
- ii) presentation of witnesses, documents and other submissions to the inquiry, and listening and responding to the evidence of other parties;
- iii) follow-up to the Inquiry report; and
- iv) legal counsel to assist with the above; and

b) Funding provided pursuant to Item 1(a) above acknowledges that the Innu

Representative Organizations may enter into funding arrangements with the Government of Canada to facilitate their participation in the Inquiry and to help supplement healing services available in the Innu Communities during the Inquiry;

2) Healing Services During Inquiry

- a) The Inquiry Panel shall coordinate with the Innu Representative Organizations with respect to the delivery of healing services and the provision of information about the healing services; and
- b) In addition to existing healing services available within the Innu Communities, the Department of Justice and Public Safety, the Innu Representative Organizations and the Government of Canada will work together to ensure sufficient resources are provided to the Innu Representative Organizations, or as they may agree, to ensure that healing services are available during the Inquiry, including Inquiry proceedings, to help avoid and mitigate risks of significant distress, traumatic memories, relapse and so on that some Innu may experience as a result of the Inquiry;

3) Translation Services

The Inquiry Panel shall arrange for translation services, as referenced in subsection 5(3) of the Order, prior to the start of Inquiry proceedings, and may work with the Innu Representative Organizations to make those arrangements; and

4) Procedures Following Delivery of Final Report to the Minister

Following the delivery of the Final Report to the Minister of Justice and Public Safety in accordance with section 10 of the Order, the Inquiry Panel will:

- a) present its Final Report at community meetings to be held in Sheshatshiu and Natuashish; and
- b) meet with the leadership of the Innu Representative Organizations, the Innu Round Table Secretariat, senior Government officials, and other stakeholders identified by the Inquiry Panel, as appropriate, to ensure full understanding of the lessons learned and the recommendations contained in the Final Report.

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