# Department of Justice Advisory Note for Premier

ISSUE: Premier visit to the northern communities - Dauphin, Manitoba

### **BACKGROUND:**

including FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

#### Custody Corrections

- The Premier may be asked whether Government plans to build a new jail in Dauphin.
- 23(1)(a)(f)
- Government is also reviewing the need for a new jail in Dauphin as part of a broader capital program review.
- The Dauphin Correctional Centre (DCC) was built in 1917 and has reached the end of its lifespan. It is no longer suited as a modern correctional facility and is chronically overcrowded. This facility lacks appropriate living space and has limited infrastructure for programming, recreation, trades, health care and spiritual services.
- In May 2014, <sup>17(1), 17(2)(e)</sup> was selected to complete the Functional Space Program (FSP) for the new facility.
- The functional space design calls for 180 medium-maximum security beds, which represents a net gain of 119 beds after the existing facility is decommissioned.
- In March 2016, 17(1), 17(2)(e) was selected as the Commissioning Agent for the project and the Owners Project Requirements is complete.
- As indicated, further consideration is required to determine the need for a new facility in Dauphin.

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#### ANALYSIS:

 Plans for consideration of a new facility to replace Dauphin Correctional Centre are on hold pending further review by Government <sup>23(1)(a)(f)</sup>

# RECOMMENDATION:

• For information only.

#### MEDIA INTEREST:

 Local media interest in the future of the Dauphin Correctional Centre will be high.

# SPEAKING POINTS/ CAUTIONARY NOTES:

#### **Custody Corrections**

- The design of the new Dauphin Correctional Centre is currently under review.
- The Department has completed a review of the criminal justice system. Going forward the government wants to assess the full impact of that review on incarceration rates.

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