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February 18, 2016

Ms. Giovana Bianchi
Committee Clerk
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
3rd Floor, 9820 – 107 Street
Edmonton AB T5K 1E7

Dear Ms. Bianchi:

Attached is Alberta Infrastructure's supplemental response to the question raised by Mr. Fildebrandt, MLA for Strathmore-Brooks, on February 3, 2016 at the Standing Committee on Public Accounts meeting.

Sincerely,



Barry Day
Deputy Minister

Attachment

Alberta Infrastructure Response to Request for Written Answer at the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, February 3, 2016.

Mr. Fildebrandt (Chair, MLA for Strathmore-Brooks) (As per Hansard)

Background:

So we have a commitment from you that you will provide the committee with written notice of if the Minister of Infrastructure had the authority to cancel an infrastructure project between the calendar years 2011 and 2014?

Mr. Day's Response: (As per Hansard)

I will do what I can to obtain that information.

Supplemental Response:

During the period of 2011 to 2014, the capital planning process specified that decisions related to the capital plan be made by Treasury Board Committee and approved by Cabinet. This included decisions to approve, change or cancel projects.

Effective April 1 2013, the role of coordinating all ministries capital plan submissions and providing capital plan recommendations to Treasury Board Committee was transferred to Infrastructure from Treasury Board and Finance.

Since Infrastructure took over the capital planning responsibility all decisions related to project approvals, funding changes or project cancellations were, and continue to be, made by Treasury Board Committee and approved by Cabinet before being implemented. Once a decision is made and approved Treasury Board Committee communicates that decision to the Minister responsible for that project.

The Minister of Infrastructure carries out capital plan decisions made by Treasury Board for projects that are delivered by the Ministry. This includes commencing and managing approved projects, as well as cancelling contracts and winding down cancelled projects.