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Mr. Gary Norris
Clerk of the Executive Council &
Secretary to Cabinet
P.O. Box 8700
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Dear Mr. Norris:

Further to your letter dated August 20, 2009 to my client, Ms. Darlene Neville, and remarks you made during your August 20, 2009 meeting with Ms. Neville, I have been instructed to advise you that Ms. Neville will on September 17, 2009 provide the written submission you invited from her.

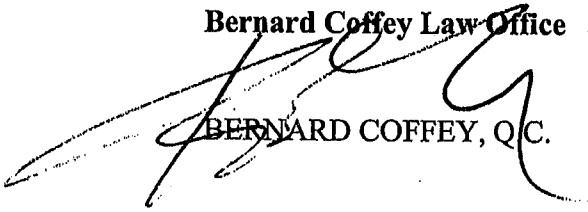
Your August 20, 2009 letter made no reference to a deadline for Ms. Neville to make a submission; nor was any such deadline referenced during your meeting with her. Since her suspension Ms. Neville has had no access to her office. The copy of her 2009 day-timer that was provided to her unfortunately in the photocopying process had certain information cut off.

As you are undoubtedly aware, I left St. John's on August 22, 2009 to attend to a personal matter that required travel outside Canada. During my absence, Mr. Rolf Pritchard arranged at my request for a copy of the documentation Cabinet utilized to be delivered to my law office. Upon my return to St. John's on September 3, 2009, Ms. Neville was able late that day to for the first time review that documentation. In light of the variety of matters addressed in the Cabinet material, particularly Mr. Roger Fitzgerald's August 17, 2009 letter to you, and the omission from it of relevant information that is conspicuous by reason of its absence, Ms. Neville requires time to properly process the information and prepare her submission. In the circumstances a period of two weeks is eminently reasonable in light of the nature of the allegations and the ramifications her dismissal would have for the ability of the Office of the Child and Youth Advocate to perform its statutory duty to protect the rights and interests of the children of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I trust the foregoing is satisfactory.

Yours truly,

Bernard Coffey Law Office

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernard Coffey', is written over the typed name below.

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