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Ms. Kasari Govender

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Dear Ms. Govender:

Thank you for your e-mail regarding tuition fees on professional programs.

I can assure you the Government of British Columbia is committed to ensuring the province has an accessible, high-quality post-secondary system that is affordable to both students and taxpayers, and is sustainable over the long-term.

Government implemented the current tuition limit policy in September 2005, with tuition increases limited to the rate of inflation. Tuition increases have been limited to two percent annually for the past five years, including 2009/10.

Government continually reviews the tuition limit policy to ensure that it is providing affordable access to students and at the same time balancing the costs between students, institutions and government. With regard to professional tuition fees, you have provided valuable information which will be considered in any future discussions regarding the tuition limit policy.

Thank you again for writing on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Moira Stilwell, MD FRCP (C)

Minister of Advanced Education
and Labour Market Development