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**October 15, 2020****MEMORANDUM TO:** Municipal CAOs**SUBJECT:** Court Security and Prisoner Transportation Program Review

The Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) is committed to keeping communities across Ontario safe, supported and protected.

As you may recall, in August 2020, the ministry communicated to stakeholders and municipalities that a Request for Services would be issued to retain an external vendor to review programs that support the delivery of court security and inmate transportation across the province, including the Court Security and Prisoner Transportation (CSPT) Transfer Payment (TP) Program. Under the CSPT TP Program, the ministry allocates funding to municipalities to offset costs associated with both court security and prisoner transportation services to and from courts.

The ministry has now retained an independent consultant, Goss Gilroy Inc. (GGI), with expertise in public safety and security to conduct the review, following a competitive procurement process.

In the upcoming weeks, Goss Gilroy Inc. will engage ministry stakeholders – including municipalities, police services and other justice sector partners – to help assess and identify improvements to the court security and inmate transportation process and the design of the CSPT TP Program.

The review will explore best practices and ways to improve the delivery of services, streamline processes and maximize effectiveness to ensure the continued safety of Ontarians. This continuous improvement effort is part of the government's ongoing work to build a more responsive and resilient justice system.

Throughout this process, the safety of Ontarians and frontline staff will remain the ministry's top priority.

Be well and stay safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Stubbings".

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