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## MEMORANDUM FOR

c.c. Ric Cameron

From: Ray Protti, Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (Social Development)

## Letter from Mr. Hnatyshyn

The attached letter deals with an exchange of correspondence between Benno Friesen, MP and Mr. Hnatyshyn concerning the Prime Minister's comments to Caucus last year on sexual orientation.

As you are aware, sexual orientation is dealt with in Mr. Hnatyshyn's proposal for amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act. The proposal was discussed by CCSD on February 11 but has not been rescheduled for further CCSD discussion. Mr. Epp will not reschedule this item until he is certain of the Prime Minister's views on this matter. Mr. Tellier intends to speak to the Prime Minister in the very near future.

Mr. Hnatyshyn's letter indicates that he is referring the correspondence to the Prime Minister for his information, and therefore I do not believe that the letter requires a reply.

L. Lafontaine/mj