

Text from letter sent on December 16, 2015, from the Hon. Jason Kenney to the Hon. Mr. Justice Douglas Rutherford:

Dear Justice Rutherford:

Thank you for your letter of December 8, 2014, regarding the work accomplished by the Pension Appeals Board (PAB).

A member of my staff recently spoke to you to clarify that, when I referred to a backlog from the PAB inherited by the Social Security Tribunal (SST), I meant to refer to the backlog from the Office of the Commissioner of Review Tribunal (OCRT) that the SST faced as it began operations.

In your capacity as Chairman of the PAB, you led a competent and professional effort to reduce, as much as feasible, the number of files that would move to the SST for their finalization. I want to thank you for the significant achievement, and I regret any concerns that my comments may have caused.

I hope that this information is helpful in addressing your concerns.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Jason Kenney, PC, MP

Minister of Employment and Social Development and Minister for Multiculturalism.