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**CAMPBELL GOVERNMENT ORDERED TO RELEASE FULL REPORT ON
MEDICAL ON-CALL PROGRAM**

VICTORIA – The privacy commissioner has ordered the Campbell government to finally release the full internal audit into the Medical On-Call Program, but NDP health critic Adrian Dix says it is disturbing that the B.C. Liberals worked so hard to keep the report hidden.

“The Campbell government has been working overtime to stop the release of this report and bury the bad news it contains,” said Dix, the MLA for Vancouver-Kingsway. “We have had to file appeal after appeal – but now the ruling is clear and the government must provide the information they have worked so hard to keep out of the public eye.”

The Opposition originally requested the internal audit through FOI on November 28, 2006. A heavily severed report was finally released on February 8, 2007.

“Despite the vast amount of information blacked out, what was available in the internal audit showed that the MOCAP program was plagued by unclear accountability, non-compliant billings and inconsistent approvals. The Medical On-Call Program receives \$125 million annually in government funding,” said Dix.

“Over the last 20 months we have gone through many appeals in order to see what the Campbell government was hiding,” said Dix. “This is the sad reality that people face when trying to get information about public services out of the Campbell government.”

“Most people don’t have the time or resources to fight the government on these issues,” said Dix. “It is disappointing to think that the Campbell government is failing to be open and accountable to British Columbians.”

The Ministry of Health has been given until July 24, 2008, to comply with the ruling and release the full report.

“The government has had 20 months to release the report,” said Dix. “They should provide that report today – not wait another 30 days. They’ve stalled long enough, now it is time to do the right thing and hand over the report immediately.”