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Mr. Bill Harlan
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Dear Mr. Harlan:

I am pleased to provide you with the 2006/07 budget and management letter for the Open Learning Agency (OLA). This letter outlines the expectations of the Ministry of Advanced Education (AVED) with respect to the priorities for OLA in the coming year.

For the fiscal year 2006/07, AVED will provide OLA with an operating grant of \$7.4 million. This funding will support the operation of the Knowledge Network (KN) and the OLA building at 4355 Mathissi Place.

As you know, the wind-up of OLA in accordance with government's core services review is nearly complete. Under the OLA wind-up plan, KN will continue to be governed and operated by OLA until government approves a new business plan and legislation for KN (projected for spring 2007) that will establish KN as an entity unto itself.

The work required to develop a new business plan for KN will be done by a new governing board for OLA, which will be appointed in 2006. The new board's efforts will be guided by a Shareholder's Letter of Expectation outlining government's vision and public policy objectives for KN.

The activities and timeline outlined above are to be reflected in a three-year service plan for KN that will span the fiscal years 2006/07 – 2008/09. The KN service plan should be developed in a manner generally consistent with the guidelines for Crown agency service plans and is to be approved by the current OLA board before the new board is appointed.

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Should you have any questions regarding this funding, please do not hesitate to contact me at (250) 387-1446 or via email at Deborah.Hull@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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