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Office of the Premier

THREE DEPUTY MINISTERS APPOINTED

VICTORIA – The government today announced three deputy minister appointments.

Rick Connolly is appointed Deputy Minister responsible for Labour Relations, Ministry of Skills Development and Labour, effective immediately. Effective May 1, 2004, Connolly assumes the position of Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Skills Development and Labour.

Connolly brings over 30 years of experience with the provincial government, and has been Deputy Minister and CEO of the Public Sector Employers' Council since November 2000. He has a BA and post-graduate diploma in public administration from the University of Victoria and is a graduate of the Queens Executive Program.

Bob de Faye replaces Connolly as Deputy Minister of Finance responsible for Public Sector Employers' Council matters.

De Faye has over 20 years experience with the Province, and has been Deputy Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services since June 2001. He holds an MA in public administration and a BA in political science from the University of Victoria.

Gerry Armstrong, previously the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education, is appointed Deputy Minister, Ministry of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services.

Armstrong has more than 30 years of government experience, 19 with the provincial government where he has been Deputy Minister in a number of ministries including Advanced Education, Finance and Corporate Relations, Forests, Environment and Provincial Secretary. He has an MA in economic theory from Northwestern University, Chicago, and an honours BA in economics from the University of British Columbia.

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