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RE: McIntyre & Mustel Research Public Opinion Poll Results

Below are highlights from the June 1999 McIntyre & Mustel Research public opinion poll.

If an election were held tomorrow, 18% of decided voters in British Columbia would support the NDP. The same number would support the now marginalised BC Reform (18%). BC Liberal support stands at 53%. Currently 28% of BC residents are undecided.

Under Gordon Wilson's leadership, NDP support improves somewhat (to 24%) at the expense of the BC Liberals. But support for Gordon Wilson may be waning. When decided voters were asked this question in March, support for a Gordon Wilson NDP government stood at 32%.

To test the impact of announcements of recent NDP healthcare and economic initiatives, we asked BC residents to rate the government's performance in these areas. A strong majority of BC residents feel that over the past month, the NDP's performance on healthcare has not improved.

BC residents are even less impressed when it comes to NDP's performance over the past month "creating jobs", "managing government spending" and "stimulating the economy".

NDP PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST MONTH

| | Improved | Remained about the same | Deteriorated | Don't know |
|------------------------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Healthcare issues | 14 | 42 | 32 | 12 |
| Creating jobs | 7 | 42 | 40 | 11 |
| Managing government spending | 3 | 31 | 53 | 13 |
| Stimulating the economy | 9 | 36 | 44 | 10 |

Methodology

The poll was conducted June 4-10, 1999 by McIntyre & Mustel Research. It was conducted among 507 British Columbia residents and carries a margin of error of plus or minus 4.4 percentage points with 95% certainty.

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