

TERMS OF REFERENCE—MINISTER’S WORKING GROUP ON TOURISM DIGITAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Objective

To provide input on the appropriate policy environment given the rise in the use of digital platforms for booking accommodations.

Scale of Work

The Working Group will be composed of representatives from industry, government and municipalities. The Working Group members will be asked to share their insight into issues around short term rentals. Examples of issues include: regulatory environment involving registered (*Tourist Accommodations Act*) and unregistered accommodations; accommodation quantity and quality; role of province and municipalities; partnership opportunities with digital platform(s); taxation; housing availability and affordability; consumer protection and safety; etc.

The Department will provide background and research materials. Working Group members will be encouraged to share information and contribute to the discussion.

It is expected that the Working Group will meet four times. Teleconference or videoconference capabilities will be available.

Timeline

The Working Group will commence January 24, 2018. The Working Group is hoping to provide input to the Minister by March 30, 2018.