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Secrétariat du Conseil du Trésor**Ontario**

December 20, 2017

Requester's Name

Requester's Address

Re: Freedom of Information Access Request No. 2017-033

I am writing to you regarding your request to the Treasury Board Secretariat under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) for access to the following records:

1. Copies of all emails, memos and/or briefing materials responsive to the request(s) made by the Auditor-General of Ontario and/or her office, in connection to her special report on the government's Fair Hydro Plan, and that were released to the Auditor-General; and
2. Copies of all emails, memos and/or briefing materials responsive to the request(s) made by the Auditor-General of Ontario and/or her office, in connection to her special report on the government's Fair Hydro Plan, and that have not been released to the Auditor-General.
3. A summary of outside consultant and/or legal fees paid and/or payable by the government in relation to the preparation and/or roll-out of the government's Fair Hydro Plan.

Our preliminary search indicates that approximately 10,000 records totaling approximately 105,000 pages will require review to respond to your request.

Interim Decision

After a review of a sample of the responsive records, an interim decision of partial access has been made. At this time we believe that the following exemptions apply to portions of the records:

Section 12 – Cabinet Records

Records which could reveal the substance of deliberations of Cabinet and/or its committees

Section 13 – Advice to Government

Records which contain advice and recommendations to government

Section 18 – Economic & Other Interests

Records which if released could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economic, financial, competitive or negotiating interest of the province

Section 19 – Solicitor-Client Privilege

Records protected by solicitor-client privilege

Please note that the official responsible for making the access decision on your request is Melanie Fraser, Chief Administrative Officer and Assistant Deputy Minister of the Corporate Services Division, Treasury Board Secretariat

Fee Estimate

In accordance with section 57 of FIPPA, fees are charged for processing this request. The estimated fee to be charged for processing the records is \$4,855.00. Details of the estimated fees are:

0 hour(s) search time (\$30/hour)	\$0.00
Cost of CD	10.00
161 hour(s) preparation (\$30/hour)	4,845.00
Total Estimated Fee to be Charged	{ =SUM(A BOVE) \# "\$#,##0.0 0;(\$#,##0 .00)" }

Preparation time is the time required to prepare records for disclosure. Preparation time is calculated in accordance with Ontario Regulation 460 and the best practices of the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

If you wish to proceed with the request as written, please note that a significant time extension to fulfill your request will be required given the estimated volume of records that respond to your request.

To continue with the full scope of your request, a deposit of 50% of the estimated fees is required. Send **\$2,427.50** by cheque or money order, made payable to the **Minister of Finance**, with the lower portion of the attached invoice. Send payment no later than January 19, 2018.

Right of Appeal

You may request a review of this fee estimate within 30 days of the date of this letter by writing to:

Registrar, Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario
2 Bloor Street East

Suite 1400
Toronto ON, M4W 1A8

Telephone: (416) 326-3333 or toll free 1-800-387-0073

If you decide to request a review of this fee estimate, provide the Commissioner's office with a copy of this letter, along with the mandatory appeal fee of \$25.00, in the form of either a cheque or money order payable to the **Minister of Finance**.

Please contact me at 416-212-0620 or Jenna.Moyer@ontario.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Jenna Moyer
Senior Information Management and Privacy Advisor