

FAO report tomorrow

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Hi Boafoa,

Flagging that we've been advised the FAO will table his annual report tomorrow. Attached is MOF's messaging on the report.

FAO to release 2017 Annual Report (FIN)

On Thursday, July 13, Stephen LeClair, Ontario's Financial Accountability Officer, will release the 2017 Annual Report. The report summarizes the FAO's activities and provides an update on the FAO's access to information and support provided to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

Background:

The 2017 Annual Report will be posted on the FAO website <http://www.fao-on.org/en/> at 9:00 a.m. on July 13, 2017.

"Since I started to talking more publicly about it, some of the information has flowed better. For example, on the cap-and-trade issue, we did get some additional information after I said something. On other elements of that, they are still maintaining Cabinet confidences. Our issue is that I appreciate the concept of Cabinet confidence. I've sat in treasury board committees a many time, that there has to be Cabinet confidences on the deliberations that take place in there. But I believe that the government claims Cabinet confidence on too wide of a swath of information. Generally, they will not provide us with any information on the spending plans beyond the current fiscal year. If they are going to provide Ontarians and the Members of the parliament with headline numbers that show their spending growth, then they should provide the details of how they are going to get to that spending growth. We don't believe that's revealing Cabinet confidences. And so we'll have something to say about that later in the month. We'll say something about it at the annual report next month and then we're undertaking a research project on this issue to look at what other jurisdictions do and that will form a part of our annual report that we have to release by the end of July."

Stephen LeClair, Ontario Financial Accountability Officer, News Conference May 18, 2016.

Key Messages :

The government values the important role and contribution of the Financial Accountability Officer (FAO) in providing independent analysis on the state of the Province's finances to members of the Legislative Assembly.