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Dear Mr. Velshi:

Thank you for your letter. I want to assure you and the Ontario Legislature that the Ontario Public Service takes the issue of document retention and disclosure very seriously. You also have our complete assurance that we are committed to full cooperation with any Officer of the Assembly, including responding to any of their requests for documents in a professional and timely manner.

I have already obtained assurances from every Deputy Minister with outstanding requests related to the Auditor General's request that every step is being taken to complete those requests as quickly as possible. It is my understanding that additional documents have been provided to the Auditor General and that steps are being taken to provide the balance by November 1, 2017.

I have also reminded Deputy Ministers about the continued importance of ensuring the public service takes appropriate steps to properly preserve all records within our custody and control in accordance with the Archives and Record Keeping Act.

In addition, the Deputy Attorney General has written all Deputy Ministers to ensure the continued preservation of all records pertaining to the Auditor General's request (see attached).

Finally, I have shared a copy of your letter and my response with Mr. Andrew Bevan, the Premier's Principal Secretary and Chief of Staff, so that his office can take remind political staff to take similar measures with respect to records in the custody and control of Ministers' offices.

Sincerely,

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