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Dear Mr. Vleshi:

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

I have already taken steps to obtain assurances from every Deputy Minister with outstanding requests related to the Fair Hydro Plan report that every step is being taken to complete those requests as quickly as possible.

I have also reminded every Deputy Minister about the 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.

Finally, I have shared a copy of your letter 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,

Steve Orsini