

RE: Media Request - SCOPA - Globe and Mail

From: "Hosick, Sarah (TBS)" <sarah.hosick@ontario.ca>
To: "Veinot, Cindy (TBS)" <cindy.veinot@ontario.ca>
Date: Thu, 01 Mar 2018 15:53:44 -0500

Thanks – much appreciated.

From: Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
Sent: March 1, 2018 3:37 PM
To: Hosick, Sarah (TBS)
Subject: RE: Media Request - SCOPA - Globe and Mail

Here's my preferred first paragraph as well as a few tweaks to the other two paragraphs.

From: Hosick, Sarah (TBS)
Sent: March 1, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
Subject: FW: Media Request - SCOPA - Globe and Mail

Hi Cindy

Can you please review the following media QA from SCOPA when you have a moment? We'll need to send up the line for further approval as soon as possible.

Who were the senior decision-makers at Treasury Board responsible for the accounting/financial structure with the Fair Hydro Plan? And what were their roles in establishing the accounting/financial structure?

TBS Deputy Minister, Associate Deputy Minister of the Office of the Treasury Board, the Provincial Controller and Assistant Deputy Minister, and their staff worked with officials from the Ministries of Finance and Energy, Ontario Power Generation, Independent Electricity System Operator and Ontario Finance Authority, as well as their external advisors, to understand the structure of the Ontario Fair Hydro Plan (the "OFHP") and assess the accounting treatment of the OFHP in the consolidated financial statements of the Province. The consolidated financial statements of the Province are prepared in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards.

In developing Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan, the government considered a range of implementation options and consulted with legal, accounting, financial and energy sector third-party experts to provide advice and ensure due diligence was completed. The OFHP operates under a financial and accounting framework that is appropriate for the intended purpose.

In order to meet the needs of users, including the legislature and the public, for accountability in government reporting and decision making, it is essential that public sector financial statements reflect the economic substance of the government's activities, and the accounting is in accordance with Public Sector Accounting Standards.

From: Hosick, Sarah (TBS)
Sent: February 28, 2018 6:39 PM
To: Donaldson, Mark (TBS)

Cc: Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
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Further to below, Comms came back saying we can name folks given its public when Cindy/DMs sign the public accounts...let me know your thoughts on this.
I've asked them to find out whether the other ministries also got a media question like this.

From: Hosick, Sarah (TBS)
Sent: February 28, 2018 5:39 PM
To: Donaldson, Mark (TBS)
Cc: Veinot, Cindy (TBS)
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Importance: High

Hi Mark

Globe and Mail has asked a question regarding TBS' role in establishing the accounting/financial structure of the OFHP.
(technically they asked for who the senior people were and their roles, but I think we should answer as TBS officials in general).

Since this is media it's a short turnaround time – Comms has asked if they can get a response by tomorrow morning. Can you take a first draft?

Thanks
Sarah

From: Vrancart, Kate (TBS)
Sent: February 28, 2018 5:15 PM
To: Hosick, Sarah (TBS); Laughton, Patrick (TBS)
Cc: Tharani, Alisha (TBS)
Subject: FW: Media Request - SCOPA - Globe and Mail

Hi Sarah and Patrick,

Please see below request from the Globe and Mail via MO.

Would you be able to provide an answer tomorrow morning?

Thanks (and hooray for SCOPA being over!).

Kate

From: Hadisi, Lawvin (TBS)
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 5:11 PM
To: @TBS-L-Issues and Media
Subject: Media Request - SCOPA - Globe and Mail

Hi all,

Got the media request below from Globe and Mail. Can we get something tomorrow?
Thank you.

Lawvin

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Who were the senior decision-makers at Treasury Board responsible for the accounting/financial structure with the Fair Hydro Plan?

And what were their roles in establishing the accounting/financial structure?

Lawvin Hadisi

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