

RE: FOI REQUEST - A-18-030 (Auditor General Report re: Fair Hydro Plan)/Appeal PA18-102 - Clarified

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Hi Ali and Peter,

For the below request, I would appreciate if you could provide any records by May 14, 2018.

Clarified Request:

In October 2017, the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario published a report entitled The Fair Hydro Plan: Concerns about Fiscal Transparency, Accountability and Value for Money. In preparing the report, the Auditor General's office reviewed "emails and other documents" provided by a number of provincial departments, including the Ministry of Finance. I request all documents provided by the Ministry of Finance to the Auditor General's office in connection with that report, which were either sent or received by the Deputy Minister of Finance.

In addition, I request all electronic communications sent or received by the Minister of Finance pertaining to the financial/accounting structure of the Fair Hydro Plan from 2016/12/01 to 2017/06/30.

If you require additional time to complete the search (i.e. there is a large volume of records), please let me know.

Many thanks,
Jessica

From: Murphy, Jessica (MOF)
Sent: May-04-18 4:47 PM
To: Mohammad, Humaira (MOF); Koukoulas, Sophia (MOF); Moore, Brynne (MOF)
Cc: Williams, Nadia (MOF); Spadoni, Peter (MOF)
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Hi all,

The requester has agreed to the below clarified wording for this request (updated portion is highlighted). This revision only impacts the Minister's Office search. Peter – looping you in, in case communications has relevant records for the highlighted portion of the request.

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Please conduct a search based on the revised wording and let me know if there are any records as soon as possible.

Thanks and have a great weekend,
Jessica

From: Murphy, Jessica (MOF)
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Hi Humaira and Sophia,

To provide some background, the ministry had previously received a request for all documents provided by the Ministry of Finance to the Auditor General's office in connection with the report on the Fair Hydro Plan. The ministry issued a fee estimate (approx. \$5000) given the large amount of time required to prepare the records. This fee was the same as a fee we had issued for a similar request in 2017 (A-17-171).

The requester appealed the fee and has now **narrowed the request**. Please review the records (I understand they are all located in one place) and advise of how many records/pages are responsive, so we know whether a fee estimate is required. I would also ask that you pull the records by the below due date.

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SOURCE OF REQUESTER: Media

RECOMMENDATION DUE: **May 4, 2018**

Documentation required:

- Recommendation Memo
- Index of Records (*to be shared with the requester*)
- TWO electronic copies of the records (A clean version and a version with the marked redactions)
- Fee/Cost Administration Form
- Approved Briefing Note

*****PLEASE NOTE** – if during the preliminary review for the records you identify the request is voluminous and the fees will be over \$100, please provide a fee estimate using the initial review and fee/cost administration form.***

For more information regarding the *Act*, go to:
<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90f31>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best,

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