Media Protocol
Pension Asset Expert Advisory Panel

Overview

The following media protocol is designed to ensure that any media requests pertaining to the work of the Pension Asset Expert Advisory Panel are handled in a structured, timely and efficient way.

This protocol pertains to:
- Pension Asset Expert Advisory Panel
- Treasury Board Secretariat
- Ministry of Finance
- Deloitte LLP

It provides guidance on which subject areas each party should speak to, as well as each party's key spokespeople.

When in doubt, spokespeople should check with Treasury Board Secretariat Communications Branch before responding to media questions.

Pension Asset Expert Advisory Panel

Subject areas in scope:
- who the panel consulted with
- what information the panel considered and why
- work of the panel and its mandate
- panel's findings and recommendations to government

Spokesperson(s):
- *Tricia O'Malley, Pension Asset Expert Advisory Panel Chair: 416-570-1924, plomalley@outlook.com

*Contact information for internal use only. TBS communications will endeavour to be the first point of contact for media inquiries and will triage questions to the Panel Chair accordingly.

Treasury Board Secretariat

Subject areas in scope:
- what the government will do with the panel's advice
- panel member remuneration
- current practices of reporting in public accounts
- any history which led to the establishment of the panel
- impacts on relationships with key stakeholders such as the Auditor General
- rationale for seeking, and the contents of the accounting opinion it received from Deloitte LLP

- broadly, any other question that doesn't fall within the other parties' areas of scope

*Any media inquiries concerning Ontario's professional accounting staff will be addressed on a reactive basis.

Spokesperson(s):
- Matt Ostergard, Treasury Board Secretariat Minister's Office, 416-326-3839, matt.ostergard@ontario.ca
- Jason Wesley, Treasury Board Secretariat Communications Branch: 416-327-4023, Jason.2wesley@ontario.ca (group email as alternate contact option is @TBS-L-Issues and Media)

Ministry of Finance

Subject areas in scope:
- impact of accounting treatment on path to balance (e.g. Q3, budget)
- broader economic questions (e.g. net-debt-to-GDP ratio, overall debt load, borrowing ability)
- impacts on relationships with key stakeholders FAO, credit rating agencies, etc.

Spokesperson(s):
- Kelsey Ingram, Ministry of Finance Minister's Office, 416-326-1409, kelsey.ingram@ontario.ca
- Scott Blodgett, Ministry of Finance Communications Branch, 416-325-0324, scott.blodgett@ontario.ca

Deloitte LLP

Subject areas in scope:
- *generally, the methods and information it relied on when creating its opinion for government
- corporate reputation

*TBS will speak to the rationale for seeking, and the contents of the accounting opinion it received from Deloitte LLP

Spokesperson(s):
- Tonya Johnson, Senior Manager, Public Relations, 416-735-2953, tonjohnson@deloitte.ca