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Sent by Email to: Alykhan.Velshi@pc.ola.org

October 24, 2017

Mr. Alykhan Velshi
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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 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 that every step will continue to be taken to complete any outstanding records request from the AG as quickly as possible. It is my understanding that the Minister of Energy has committed to submitting the balance of the outstanding records by no later than November 1, 2017.

I have also reminded Deputy Ministers about the continued importance of ensuring the public service takes all the steps necessary to properly preserve records within their custody and control in accordance with the Archives and Record Keeping Act. At my request, the Deputy Attorney General has written all Deputy Ministers to further re-enforce this continued commitment. A copy of his correspondence is attached for your information.

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 similar steps with respect to records in the custody and control of Ministers' offices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Orsini', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Steve Orsini

c: Serge Imbrogno
Deputy Minister of Energy

Peter Gregg
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Attachment: Memo from Deputy Attorney General to Deputy Ministers

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MEMORANDUM TO: Deputy Ministers

DATE: October 23, 2017

FROM: Irwin Glasberg
Deputy Attorney General

RE: Preservation of Records

Further to the discussion at Deputy Minister's Council on Friday morning, I am writing to advise ministries of the need for continued vigilance in preserving records in your custody and control related to Ontario's Fair Hydro Plan. This includes any records already provided to the Office of the Auditor General as part of the preparation of the report released by that office last week, records that are currently under review to respond to any outstanding requests from the Office of the Auditor General, and any other records not requested by the Auditor General that may be relevant to this matter.

I would also remind ministries of the continued importance of taking appropriate steps to properly preserve records within their custody and control in accordance with the *Archives and Record Keeping Act*. I would also request that Deputy Imbrogno share a copy of this email with the IESO and OPG, and Deputy Thompson with the Ontario Financing Authority.

We will continue to advise ministries of any further steps that should be taken with respect to this matter.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Alternatively, your staff may contact my EA, Linda Shin, or William Bromm in the Office of the Secretary of the Cabinet, for further advice.

A copy of this memo is being shared with the Premier's Office so they can consider similar steps with respect to records in the custody and control of Ministers' Offices.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Irwin Glasberg

c: Steve Orsini, Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the OPS
Boafoa Kwamena, Executive Assistant and Special Advisor, Office of the Secretary of the Cabinet
William Bromm, Senior Director and Legal Advisor, Office of the Secretary of the Cabinet