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MEMORANDUM TO: Stephen LeClair
Financial Accountability Officer
Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

FROM: Greg Orencsak
Deputy Minister
Treasury Board Secretariat

SUBJECT: FAO Information Request FA1505-02

Dear Mr. LeClair, *Stephen*

Thank you for your letter of February 19, 2016 following up on our initial response to your information request with respect to the Program Review, Renewal and Transformation (PRRT) initiative. I understand a staff-level discussion took place on February 26, 2016.

Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) acknowledges the important role played by you and your office in providing independent analysis of the state of the Province's finances. TBS has undertaken a review of potentially responsive records to the questions you raised in your letter of February 19, 2016. We are providing you with information in Word and Excel format to make it easier for you and your team to access the information.

As you are aware, subsection 12(1) of the Financial Accountability Officer Act (FAOA) requires every ministry of the Government of Ontario and every public entity to give, upon request, any financial, economic or other information that is in its custody or under its control that you believe to be necessary to perform your duties under the FAOA.

Subsection 12(2) of the FAOA prohibits a ministry or public entity from giving you a record described under subsection 12(1) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), unless either of the circumstances in clause 12(2)(a) or (b) of FIPPA exist. Subsection 12(1) of FIPPA creates a non-exhaustive list of records that a head shall refuse to disclose because they would reveal the substance of deliberations that have taken place, or are intended to take place in Cabinet (i.e. the Executive Council) or any of its committees (e.g. Treasury Board/Management Board of Cabinet). A record would reveal the substances of deliberations of Cabinet or its committees if the disclosure would permit the drawing of accurate inferences with respect to the substance of those deliberations.

We are pleased to provide you with responses to the questions appended to your letter of February 19, 2016. Where information cannot be released because it would permit the drawing of accurate inferences with respect to the substance of deliberations in Cabinet or its committees, we may be able to provide other sources of information that are responsive to your request.

As we mentioned previously, Treasury Board Secretariat and Ministry of Finance staff would be happy to meet with you to discuss the materials included in this response. The primary contact to support your work is Karen Hughes, Associate Deputy Minister, Office of the Treasury Board, Treasury Board Secretariat.

Sincerely,



Greg Orenacsak
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