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May 30, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO:

Stephen LeClair

Financial Accountability Officer

Financial Accountability Office of Ontario

SUBJECT:

FAO Information Request FA1505-03

Dear Mr. LeClair, Stephen

Thank you for your letter of April 20, 2016 following up on our response to your information request 1505-02 with respect to the Program Review, Renewal and Transformation (PRRT) initiative.

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 the questions raised in your letter of April 20, 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 posed in your letter of April 20, 2016. These responses consist of responsive information in the custody or under the control of TBS, the disclosure of which is not restricted by the FAOA. Appended to this letter are responses to your questions 1 through 5 from information request FA 1505-03. Where the disclosure of information is restricted by the FAOA, this restriction is noted in the relevant

response. Staff at the Treasury Board Secretariat continue to work through this request and in the event that there is additional information we are able to provide, we will send that to you in a subsequent response.

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

Sincerely,

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