

August 24, 2016

Mr. Greg Orencsak
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RE: FAO Information Request FA1613-01

Dear Deputy Orencsak:

My mandate as Financial Accountability Officer is to provide the Legislative Assembly of Ontario with independent analysis of the state of the Province's finances, including the budget, estimates, and the financial impact of public bills and policy proposals.

I am currently undertaking scoping work for a potential project on the Province's business support programs under paragraph 10(1)(b) of the Financial Accountability Officer Act, 2013 (the Act), which allows the Officer to "respond to requests from members of the Assembly...to, (i) undertake research into the Province's finances...."

In order to support my preliminary research, I request that your ministry provide me with the following information, which I consider to be necessary to perform my duties under the Act, as required by subsection 12(1) of the Act:

- Please provide the information requested in Attachment 1: Information Request.
- Please complete Attachment 2: Cover Spreadsheet to support the information request.

I would appreciate it if you could provide me access to this information on or before **September 2, 2016**. Please note that any cover letter accompanying your response to this request will be posted publicly on the FAO website, but attachments will not.

Should you or your staff have any questions about the information request, I would ask that you contact Jeffrey Novak, who can be contacted directly at jnovak@fao-on.org or by phone at 416-528-3954. I have also enclosed the *Guide to Responding to Information Requests from the FAO* (Attachment 3) to assist you with responding to this information request.

I would like to thank you for your assistance in this matter. My primary objective is to provide timely and relevant analysis to the Legislative Assembly.

My ability to do so depends on your providing me with free and timely access to the information held by your ministry that I need to fulfill my mandate. By providing me with this information, you are assisting me in better serving all Members of Provincial Parliament.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Stephen LeClair
Financial Accountability Officer

Enclosures: 3

Attachment 1: Information Request

Attachment 2: Cover Spreadsheet

Attachment 3: Guide to Responding to Information Requests from the FAO

CC:

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