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October 12, 2023

Robyn Doolittle
The Globe and Mail Centre
351 KING STREET EAST, SUITE 1600
Toronto, ON M5A 0N1

Dear Robyn Doolittle:

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Request #: EC000-2023-G-52

On August 8, 2023, the Executive Council received your request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP Act) for access to the following records:

I am seeking access to records generated as a result of my June 4 media inquiry, my June 7 correspondence with Mr. Hanon and the meetings that followed with the deputy ministers. This includes: all emails and email chains connected to all of this correspondence. Any briefing notes prepared to summarize the various interactions between myself and Alberta officials. Any memos or briefing notes prepared in advance of the two meetings with the deputy ministers that were distributed to the officials ahead of the meetings. All email correspondence generated as a result of my email to Mr. Blackette. Any email correspondence between any of the named officials or staff within their offices, Alberta's legal department, and the premier's office, relating to my inquiries or the Globe and Mail's Secret Canada project.

Time period: June 4, 2023, and July 1, 2023

In consideration of the information available and the requirements of the FOIP Act, Executive Council has determined the records are withheld in their entirety pursuant to sections 20(1)(m), 24(1)(a), and 25(1)(b). Details of these sections of the Act are attached separately.

You may ask for a review under Part 5 of the FOIP Act by the Information and Privacy Commissioner (Commissioner) of the decision to not give access the records. To request a review, you must submit a completed Request for Review form within 60 days from the date of this letter to the Commissioner at Suite 410, 9925 – 109 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2J8. The form is available under 'Resources' on the Commissioner's website, www.oipc.ab.ca, or you can call 1-888-878-4044 to request a copy.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at nabila.rahman@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



Nabila Rahman
FOIP Analyst
Serving Executive Council
Government of Alberta

Enclosures

Following pages have been withheld under Alberta's Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act as per the applied exemptions/exclusions.

Exemptions:

- 24(1)(a) - advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options
- 20(1)(m) - harm the security of any property or system
- 25(1)(b) - financial, commercial, scientific, technical or other information

From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Michael Hocken](#)
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail
Date: June 5, 2023 12:22:30 PM

-20(1)(m)
25(1)(b)

I was replying to you when Stacy sent the response.

Classification: Protected A

From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 5, 2023 12:19 PM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail

Hi Andrew;
Was there a previous response? And when was it?

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
d Red Tape Reduction

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2023 12:16 PM
To: Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>; Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FW: Globe and Mail

Hi all,
Received this today, and we're working with Stacy on developing a response, and will be briefing Cam this afternoon. Happy to discuss.

Andrew

Classification: Protected A

From: Jared Gustafson <Jared.Gustafson@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 5, 2023 7:21 AM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Globe and Mail

I seem to recall receiving her original request. Can't recall though what we did with it or why she wouldn't have received a reply.

From: [Rachel Bouska](#)
To: [Andrew Hanon](#)
Cc: [Michael Hocken](#); [Stacy Shenfield](#)
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail
Date:
Attachments: [redacted]

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Hi Andrew – Breanne [redacted] office has asked if TI could review the response before it's released to the media [redacted].

24(1)(a)
24(1)(b)

~Rachel

24(1)(a)
24(1)(b)

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 5, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>; Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FW: Globe and Mail

[More info on the Globe's FOIP request.](#) [redacted]

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From: [Michael Hocken](#)
To: [Margot Meyers](#)
Subject: FW: draft email to Globe and Mail
Date: June 6, 2023 7:34:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

20(1)(m)
25(1)(b)

Margot this will need Andrew and Osagie from the Comms side and Maureen and probably Hilary and Me and Stacy. Needs to be this morning.

20(1)(m)
25(1)(b)

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
and Red Tape Reduction

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2023 7:33 AM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: draft email to Globe and Mail

Sounds good. Might be best if the meeting invite comes from your office, if that's okay with you. I'm free any time after 9 am, except 2 – 2:30. Please include TI's comms director, Osagie Ogunbor.

Classification: Protected A

From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 6, 2023 7:30 AM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: draft email to Globe and Mail

I am still not clear on the exact data that they need so hard to say, but best we confirm who is doing this and that we can deliver. May be worth pulling Maureen and her Team and me and Stacy in a meeting to confirm what we can supply even if we do this as a media enquiry.

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2023 7:26 AM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: draft email to Globe and Mail

I've asked my counterpart at TI confirm the timeline with Maureen. I'm assuming it's her folks, but is it Stacy's team that will pull it together?

Andrew

Classification: Protected A

From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: June 6, 2023 6:37 AM

To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: draft email to Globe and Mail

Andrew;

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2023 4:08 PM

To: Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>; Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: draft email to Globe and Mail

Thanks, Lisa.

You've added great context, but I suggest the following line can be left out:

If everyone's okay with that, I'll send it to TI. We need to get this to Toronto tomorrow.

Andrew

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24(1)(a)

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From: Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: June 5, 2023 3:58 PM

To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: draft email to Globe and Mail

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Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: June 5, 2023 3:36 PM

To: Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>; Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: draft email to Globe and Mail

[Redacted]

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon

Sent: June 5, 2023 3:15 PM

To: Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>; Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: draft email to Globe and Mail

Hi all,

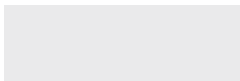
[Redacted]

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'We are conducting a study of how freedom of information requests are processed across the country. To that end, we are requesting information relating to how these requests are dealt with by your office. Please provide us with an electronic (that is, machine-readable) record of all requests received between January 1, 2021 and end of day December 31, 2021, whether completed or not. Please include fields containing the following information: request number, request summary, type of requester (academic, media, etc.), whether the request is sensitive or contentious, date received, date request completed, disclosure decision, reason for time extension, extension duration in days, exemptions applied, whether it was subject to an appeal, and number of pages disclosed. We recognize your system may not capture all of these fields. If that's the case, please give us the fields you do have. Please provide in an electronic format such as Excel or delimited text (e.g. CSV). Do not provide PDF or image files. Date Range: January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021'.

Please let me know as soon as you are able if this works for you. Happy to discuss further if you have questions.

Andrew Hanon
Communications Director, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
Communications and Public Engagement
Government of Alberta
10th Floor, 9888 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1P1



andrew.hanon@gov.ab.ca

From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Stacy Shenfield](#); [Maureen Towle](#); [Michael Hocken](#); [Osagie Ogunbor](#); [Hilary Faulkner](#); [Rachel Bouska](#)
Cc: [Breanne Mceachren](#)
Subject: Re: Globe and Mail - Draft Email
Date: June 6, 2023 4:55:50 PM

Thanks, Stacy

From: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 4:50:17 PM
To: Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>; Hilary Faulkner <Hilary.Faulkner@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail - Draft Email

We are working on this report and will have it tomorrow before noon.

Stacy

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From: Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 6, 2023 2:04 PM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>; Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>; Hilary Faulkner <Hilary.Faulkner@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail - Draft Email

Yes, Stacy's approach looks good to me.

Thanks,
Maureen

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <[Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca](#)>
Sent: June-06-23 12:50 PM
To: Michael Hocken <[michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca](#)>; Stacy Shenfield <[Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca](#)>; Maureen Towle <[Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca](#)>; Osagie Ogunbor <[Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca](#)>; Hilary Faulkner <[Hilary.Faulkner@gov.ab.ca](#)>; Rachel Bouska <[Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca](#)>
Cc: Breanne Mceachren <[Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca](#)>
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail - Draft Email

Sorry for not replying sooner. Stacy's approach seems fine to me.

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From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: June 6, 2023 12:45 PM

To: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>; Hilary Faulkner <Hilary.Faulkner@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: Globe and Mail - Draft Email

Andrew/Maureen any thoughts? I would be fine with Stacy's suggest approach.

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
and Red Tape Reduction

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From: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2023 11:42 AM

To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>; Hilary Faulkner <Hilary.Faulkner@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: Globe and Mail - Draft Email

Stacy

Classification: Protected A

From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: June 6, 2023 11:32 AM

To: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>; Hilary Faulkner <Hilary.Faulkner@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: Globe and Mail - Draft Email

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My view below.

No issues if we wanted to generate the separate report as well as long as it is not a lot of work.

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
and Red Tape Reduction

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From: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>

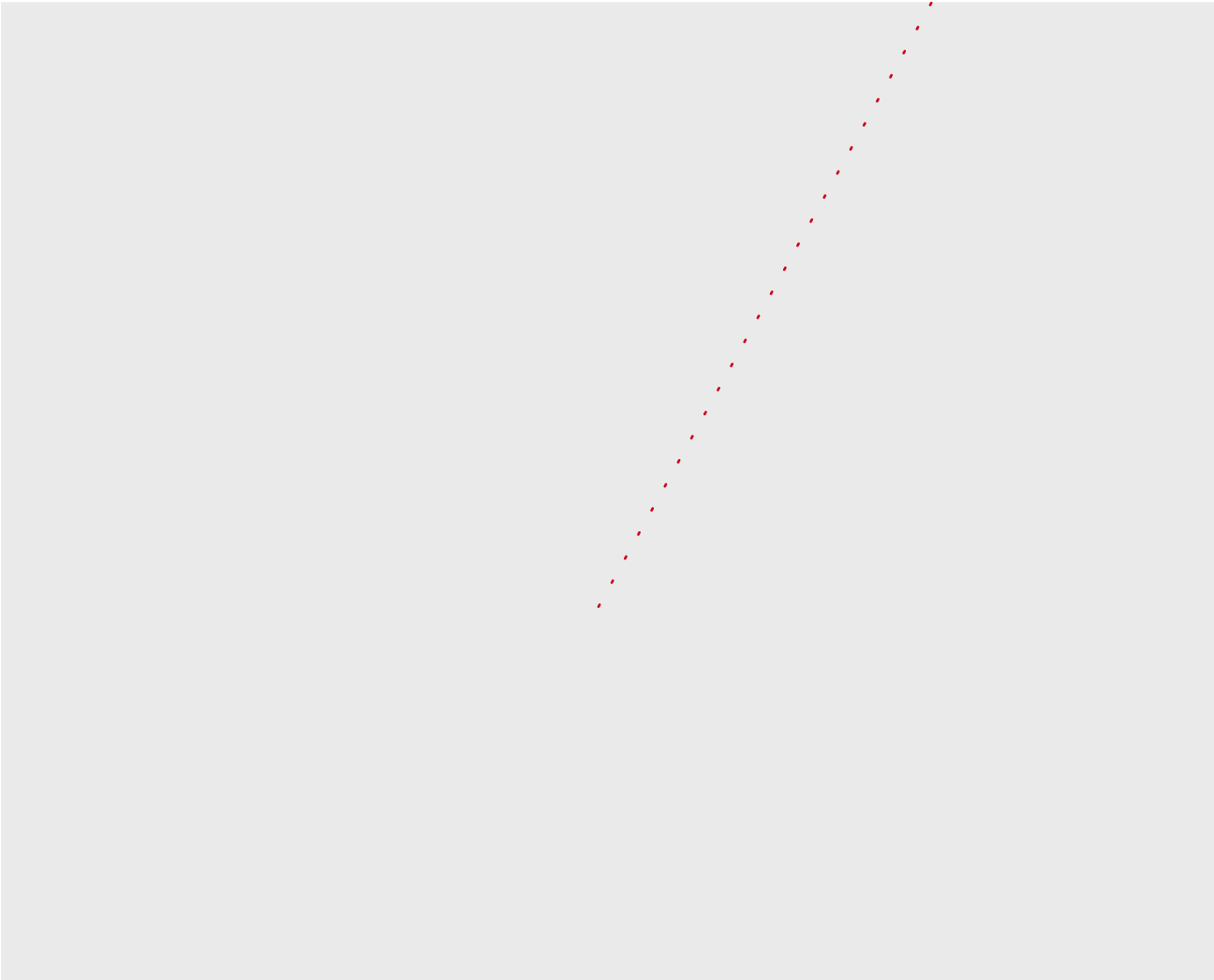
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2023 11:22 AM

To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>;
Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>; Hilary
Faulkner <Hilary.Faulkner@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: Globe and Mail - Draft Email

Good morning and thank you for the conversation,



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Stacy

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>

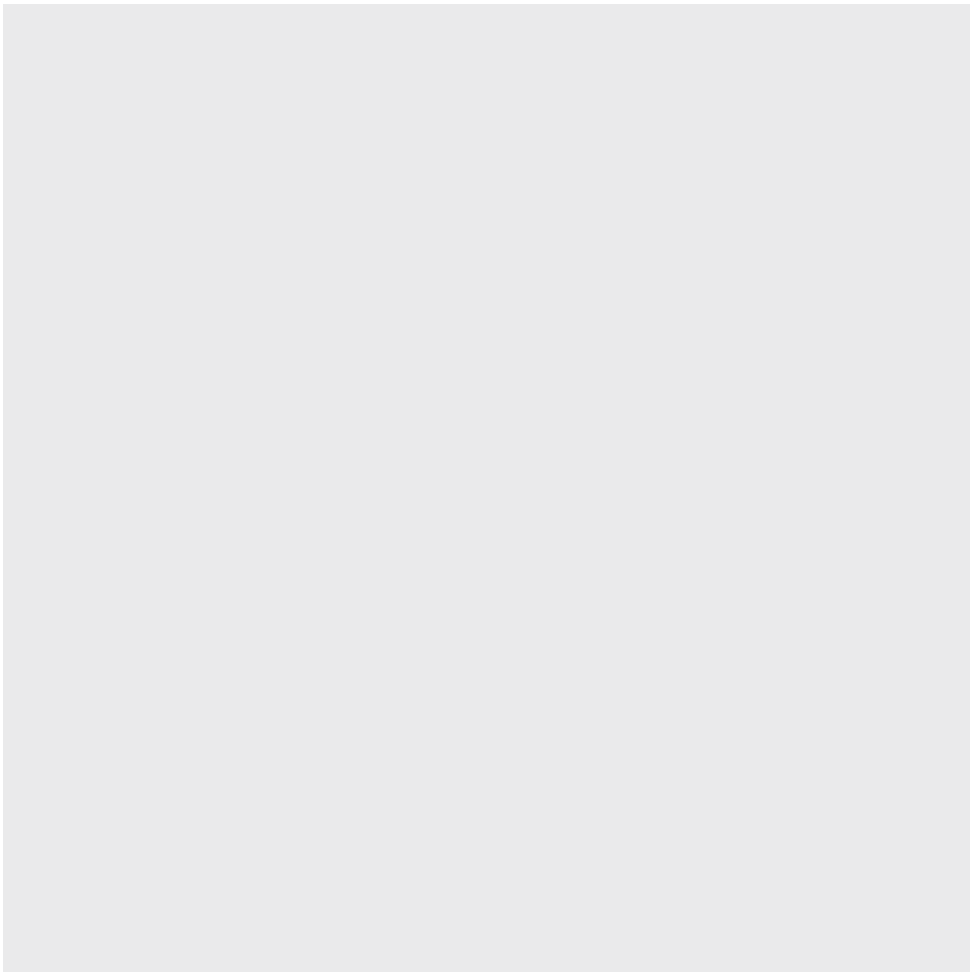
Sent: June 6, 2023 7:43 AM

To: Michael Hocken; Maureen Towle; Andrew Hanon; Osagie Ogunbor; Stacy Shenfield; Hilary Faulkner; Rachel Bouska

Cc: Breanne Mceachren

Subject: Globe and Mail - Draft Email

June 6, 2023 10:30 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada).



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From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Michael Hocken](#); [Osagie Ogunbor](#); [Maureen Towle](#)
Cc: [Breanne Mceachren](#); [Rachel Bouska](#)
Subject: RE: draft statement
Date: June 7, 2023 12:48:43 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.jpg](#)

20(1)(m)
25(1)(b)

Thanks for the quick turnaround, everyone

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25(1)(b)

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From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 7, 2023 12:47 PM
To: Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: draft statement

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Otherwise I am fine.

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

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From: Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2023 12:44 PM
To: Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: draft statement

Thanks Andre

Osagie Ogunbor (He/Him)
Director of Communications, Technology and Innovation
Government of Alberta

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·24(1)(b)

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From: Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: June 7, 2023 12:42 PM

To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>; Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: draft statement

Looks great Andrew!

Maureen

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: June-07-23 12:40 PM

To: Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>; Osagie Ogunbor <Osagie.Ogunbor@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: draft statement

Importance: High

For your quick review.

Andrew Hanon

Communications Director, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

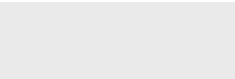
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From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Lisa Sadownik](#); [Stuart Elson](#); [Michael Hocken](#); [Rachel Bouska](#)
Cc: [CPE-Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction](#)
Subject: the Globe's FOIP website is live
Date: June 9, 2023 8:09:33 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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<https://www.secretcanada.com/>

Andrew Hanon
Communications Director, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
Communications and Public Engagement
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10th Floor, 9888 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1P1



andrew.hanon@gov.ab.ca



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From: [Maureen Towle](#)
To: [Andrew Hanon](#); [Michael Hocken](#)
Subject: Re: Globe and Mail
Date: June 9, 2023 10:26:20 PM

Sounds good.

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 10:07:28 PM
To: Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: Globe and Mail

i'll check in with both of you at 9 am, if that works.
thanks

Classification: Protected A

From: Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 9:32:13 PM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: Globe and Mail

Michael do you want me there? If yes, then what time tomorrow morning?

Classification: Protected A

From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 8:59:53 PM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: Globe and Mail

I am available

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 8:47:36 PM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Globe and Mail

Hi all, at this point, I'm not sure who needs to be brought in to this discussion, but the Globe is planning another story, this time quoting the FOUP people she spoke with.
Can we touch base in the morning?

From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Maureen Towle](#); [Michael Hocken](#)
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail
Date: June 10, 2023 9:14:30 AM

Hi all, sorry for the delay. Just got of the phone with Jared. Sending a teams invite now.

Classification: Protected A

NR

From: [Stuart Elson](#)
To: [Fiona Slessor](#)
Subject: Fwd: Globe and Mail
Date: June 10, 2023 1:36:52 PM

FYI.

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From: Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2023 6:33 AM
To: Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: Globe and Mail

Andrew, I will text you Stephanie's cell number.

Classification: Protected A

From: Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 9:08:56 PM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: Globe and Mail

You will need to loop Fiona Slessor and Stephanie Clarke in. You will also need a legal view of this.

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 9:05:59 PM
To: Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>; Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Globe and Mail

hey there,
sorry to bug but i'm not sure who I need notify about this. i'm going to talk to michael and jared tomorrow but thought you should know too. let me know if you want to discuss.

Classification: Protected A

NR

From: [Stephanie Clarke](#)
To: [Michael Hocken](#)
Cc: [Andrew Hanon](#)
Subject: RE: draft response to latest Globe inquiry for your review
Date: June 10, 2023 2:51:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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I should have also given you my cell in case you need it [REDACTED]

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24(1)(b)

Thanks
Stephanie

24(1)(a)
24(1)(b)

Classification: Protected A

From: Stephanie Clarke
Sent: June 10, 2023 2:49 PM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: draft response to latest Globe inquiry for your review

Thanks Michael. Looks like we're reiterating our previous response [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] so good to go.

Lets talk this week though so I can better understand our system and its reporting.

Thanks
Stephanie

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From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2023 1:52 PM
To: Stephanie Clarke <stephanie.clarke@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Fw: draft response to latest Globe inquiry for your review
Importance: High

Hi Stephanie and welcome to SARTR;

Last week the Globe and Mail was communicating with us in regard to a response to a FOIP request from about a year ago. They have been doing FOIP requests requesting data from various jurisdictions and ultimately used the findings from the FOIP requests to write an article that was posted late last week. The crux of the issue is we do not create records to respond to FOIP requests so when they requested the data, we responded that no records exist. They have challenged that response and have been pushing to have further discussions on the topic. Andrew and I would like to brief you quickly before he sends the response below. Andrew needs to send the response by 3:00. hopefully we can connect.

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services

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From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2023 1:37 PM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: draft response to latest Globe inquiry for your review

As communicated to you by letter on May 26, 2022 and reiterated on June 7, 2023, providing a list would require creating a record that does not currently exist in electronic form. Therefore, in accordance with section 10 of the FOIP Act, there were no records responsive to your request.

[Redacted]

Andrew Hanon
Communications Director, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
Communications and Public Engagement
Government of Alberta
10th Floor, 9888 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1P1

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[b.ca](mailto:michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca)



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From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Michael Hocken](#)
Subject: Re: background info for Stephanie
Date: June 11, 2023 10:49:02 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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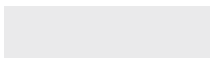
thanks for the quick turnaround!

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From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 10:47:58 AM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: background info for Stephanie

I made a few minor edits Andrew.

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services



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From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 10:39 AM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: background info for Stephanie

Hey Michael,
Here's what I've together to give to Stephanie so she's not coming in cold tomorrow Please let me know if you have any edits, additions, deletions etc..:

From: [Rachel Bouska](#)
To: [Maureen Towle](#); [Breanne Mceachren](#)
Cc: [Michael Hocken](#)
Subject: Heads up: Link to Globe and Mail story - June 12
Date: June 12, 2023 8:22:06 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi both – Below is a link to the Globe and Mail story that ran this morning. Michael and Maureen are both quoted in the story.

[Globe2Go, the digital newspaper replica of The Globe and Mail \(pressreader.com\)](#)

~Rachel

Rachel Bouska
Executive Advisor, Assistant Deputy Minister's Office
Financial and Administrative Shared Services
Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
780-644-4524



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From: [Stephanie Clarke](#)
To: [Andrew Hanon](#); [Fiona Slessor](#)
Cc: [Michael Hocken](#)
Subject: RE: background on Globe and Mail FOIP stories
Date: June 12, 2023 8:26:59 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thanks

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From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 12, 2023 8:20 AM
To: Stephanie Clarke <stephanie.clarke@gov.ab.ca>; Fiona Slessor <Fiona.Slessor@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: background on Globe and Mail FOIP stories

Hi Stephanie.

Here's the article, just in case you have some difficulty getting it out of clips:

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Exemptions:

- 29(1)(a) - information that is readily available to the public

From: [Rachel Bouska](#)
To: [Stacy Shenfield](#)
Cc: [Michael Hocken](#)
Subject: RE: background on Globe and Mail FOIP stories
Date: June 12, 2023 8:30:37 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

As a follow-up, below is the link to the Globe and Mail story that ran this morning.

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From: [Michael Hocken](#)
To: [Rachel Bouska](#)
Subject: FW: Globe and Mail
Date: [REDACTED] M
Attachments: [REDACTED]

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Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
and Red Tape Reduction
[REDACTED]

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Classification: Protected A

From: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2023 2:52 PM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail

Hi Andrew – Breanne in Maureen Towle’s office has asked if TI could review the response before it’s released to the media (see attached email).

~Rachel

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 5, 2023 1:06 PM
To: Lisa Sadownik <Lisa.Sadownik@gov.ab.ca>; Stuart Elson <Stuart.Elson@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FW: Globe and Mail

More info on the Globe’s FOIP request [REDACTED]
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From: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 5, 2023 12:35 PM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail

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Stacy

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Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 5, 2023 12:29 PM
To: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail

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Thanks for this, Stacy.

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Andrew

Classification: Protected A

From: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 5, 2023 12:21 PM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>; Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Globe and Mail

Hi Andrew,

As per our discussion my team has found the following information regarding these 22 individual FOIP Requests –

On May 10, 2022, the applicant submitted the following request to the 22 departments that Robyn Doolittle identified below:

‘We are conducting a study of how freedom of information requests are processed across the country. To that end, we are requesting information relating to how these requests are dealt with by your office. Please provide us with an electronic (that is, machine-readable) record of all requests received between January 1, 2021 and end of day December 31, 2021, whether completed or not. Please include fields containing the following information: request number, request summary, type of requester (academic, media, etc.), whether the request is sensitive or contentious, date received, date request completed, disclosure decision, reason for time extension, extension duration in days, exemptions applied, whether it was subject to an appeal, and number of pages disclosed. We recognize your system may not capture all of these fields. If that's the case, please give us the fields you do have. Please provide in an electronic format such as Excel or delimited text (e.g. CSV). Do not provide PDF or image files.

Date Range: January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021'.

FOIP Operations responded to the applicant on each of the 22 FOIP requests stating the following:

“Providing a list of requests would require creating a record that does not currently exist. Therefore, under section 10 of the FOIP Act. There are no records responsive to your request. As a result, your payment of the initial \$25.00 fee will be reimbursed”. “You may ask for a review under Part 5 of the FOIP Act by the Information and Privacy Commissioner. To request a review, you must submit a completed Request for Review form within 60 days from the date of this letter to the Commissioner at Suite 410, 9925 – 109 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2J8. The form is available under ‘Resources’ on the Commissioner’s website, www.oipc.ca, or you can call 1-888-878-4044 to request a copy.”

As you can see, FOIP Operations did in fact respond to the applicant in a timely manner.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.

Stacy

Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: June 5, 2023 10:48 AM

To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: Globe and Mail

Thanks, Michael,

Stacy and I going to have a conversation this morning. One of us will brief you on what we figure out.

Andrew

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From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: June 5, 2023 10:46 AM

To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: Globe and Mail

Happy to discuss Andrew, but I am not sure I have any specifics. Just looking through my emails as I don't recall this. I have added Stacy as he may remember the request.

Michael Hocken

Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
d Red Tape Reduction

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Classification: Protected A

From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2023 9:20 AM

To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: FW: Globe and Mail

Hey Michael,

Do you have a minute this morning to discuss this?

Andrew

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From: [Stacy Shenfield](#)
To: [Michael Hocken](#)
Cc: [Rachel Bouska](#)
Subject: RE: background on Globe and Mail FOIP stories
Date: June 12, 2023 8:38:36 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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Thanks for the heads up Michael. We are available to provide whatever we can on this matter.

Stacy

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From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 12, 2023 8:19 AM
To: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FW: background on Globe and Mail FOIP stories

Just a heads up Stacy. I am not sure what stats might be relevant to this story. I know the Team pulled the high level data last week. I will see what comes out of the meeting, but can you have the Team on stand-by.

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
and Red Tape Reduction

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From: Stephanie Clarke <stephanie.clarke@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 8:15 AM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Fiona Slessor <Fiona.Slessor@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: background on Globe and Mail FOIP stories

Thanks for this background Andrew. I received a call about this from Executive Council this morning,

in relation to an article published today from the globe (haven't seen it yet). I've scheduled some time for us to discuss this morning.

Michael, we will need to provide some stats on FOIP to Executive Council by noon, along with a background of this particular issue. We can discuss what we have at our meeting.

Thanks,
Stephanie

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From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2023 11:01 AM
To: Stephanie Clarke <stephanie.clarke@gov.ab.ca>; Fiona Slessor <Fiona.Slessor@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: background on Globe and Mail FOIP stories

Hi Stephanie and Fiona,

Wanted to give the background and status update on a Globe and Mail story ran on June 9 and a follow-up story expected on Monday, June 12.

For more than a year the Globe has been canvassing jurisdictions across Canada, gathering data on their freedom of information practices. In May 2022, the reporters sent 22 separate FOIP requests to the Alberta government departments asking for data on all FOIP requests processed in the calendar year 2021 (the exact request is at the bottom of this email). They requested that all the information be put into an Excel doc.

We later learned the Globe is using the data to launch a website on access to information across the country. It will be an ongoing project with annual data being collected and posted.

The GoA responded that no responsive records existed on the grounds that the Globe was asking for the creation of a new record, which FOIP staff are directed not to do. The response letter says: "Providing a list of requests would require creating a record that does not currently exist. Therefore, under section 10 of the FOIP Act, there are no records responsive to your request."

On **Sunday, June 4** our PS was forwarded the email below, which said Alberta is the only jurisdiction in the country that didn't provide data, and asking for comment. It was the first I had seen anything about this.

After talking to our FOIP Team, we realized a lot of the data is available, and if it had been a media request instead of FOIP request, some of the requested data could have been supplied. After talking with Cam Traynor, my ADM at CPE, it was agreed that the Globe would be approached and asked to give us a few more days to gather and supply it.

On **Wednesday, June 7**, at the direction of the PO, the two ADMs in charge of FOIP – Michael Hocken of SARTR and Maureen Towle of TI – and I had a conversation with the

reporter. We were told it was too late to supply any data prior to initial publication, but as it will be an ongoing project we can supply info to be published later.

We agreed that if we could get a statement to them today, it would be considered for the story. The PO-approved statement is below.

On **Friday, June 9**, [the original article](#) was published. At 4:20 pm, I received an email from the reporter (attached), asking for comment on a follow-up story which will say, in essence, that Alberta is breaking its own law by not producing new records. The story is expected to run Monday, June 12.

Working through our outgoing press secretary (he starts at another MO on Monday), we have been working with PO on a response, the draft of which you saw on **Saturday, June 10** and is below. It was submitted to the PS to send to the PO at 3 p.m. Saturday.

As of 10:30 am **Sunday, June 11**, I am still awaiting word back from the PS on PO's final edits to the statement.

For quick reference, below are the original FOIP request and response, and the Globe's emails asking for comment.

Initial FOIP request and response from May 2022:

On May 10, 2022, the applicant submitted the following request to the 22 departments that Robyn Doolittle identified below:

'We are conducting a study of how freedom of information requests are processed across the country. To that end, we are requesting information relating to how these requests are dealt with by your office. Please provide us with an electronic (that is, machine-readable) record of all requests received between January 1, 2021 and end of day December 31, 2021, whether completed or not. Please include fields containing the following information: request number, request summary, type of requester (academic, media, etc.), whether the request is sensitive or contentious, date received, date request completed, disclosure decision, reason for time extension, extension duration in days, exemptions applied, whether it was subject to an appeal, and number of pages disclosed. We recognize your system may not capture all of these fields. If that's the case, please give us the fields you do have. Please provide in an electronic format such as Excel or delimited text (e.g. CSV). Do not provide PDF or image files. Date Range: January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021'.

FOIP Operations responded to the applicant on each of the 22 FOIP requests stating the following:

"Providing a list of requests would require creating a record that does not currently exist. Therefore, under section 10 of the FOIP Act. There are no records responsive to your request. As a result, your payment of the initial \$25.00 fee will be reimbursed". "You may ask for a review under Part 5 of the FOIP Act by the Information and Privacy Commissioner. To request a review, you must submit a completed Request for Review form within 60 days from the date of this letter to the Commissioner at Suite 410, 9925 – 109 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2J8. The form is available under 'Resources' on the Commissioner's website, www.oipc.ca, or you can call 1-888-878-4044 to request a copy."

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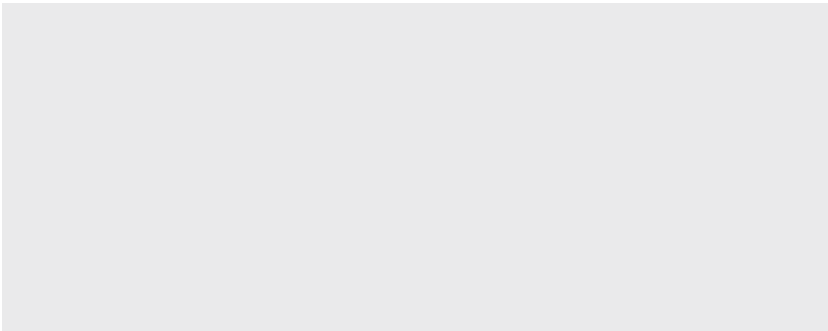
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PO approved statement in response:

Existing records can be provided under FOIP. As per the May 26, 2022 letter, your request was to provide a list in the form of an excel spreadsheet or delimited text. As this is not a record that currently exists there were no responsive records to your request.



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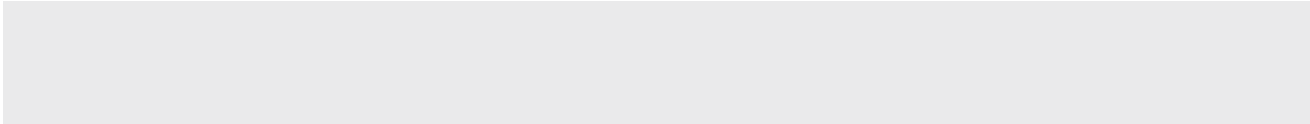
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Draft statement in response, sent to the PO on Saturday, June 10:

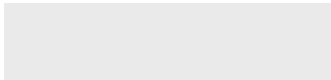
As communicated to you by letter on May 26, 2022 and reiterated on June 7, 2023, providing a list would require creating a record that does not currently exist in electronic form.

Therefore, in accordance with section 10 of the FOIP Act, there were no records that were responsive to your request.

We will not be commenting further on this FOIP request.



Andrew Hanon
Communications Director, Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
Communications and Public Engagement
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10th Floor, 9888 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1P1



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From: [Stephanie Clarke](#)
To: [David Jackson](#)
Cc: [Fiona Slessor](#)
Subject: RE: Globe article
Date: June 12, 2023 9:56:00 AM

Yes, I just met with the team on this. We will add to the agenda and are also preparing a BN with some background.

Thanks
Stephanie

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From: David Jackson <david.jackson@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 12, 2023 9:08 AM
To: Stephanie Clarke <stephanie.clarke@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Fiona Slessor <Fiona.Slessor@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FW: Globe article

FYI – new topic for M/DM today.

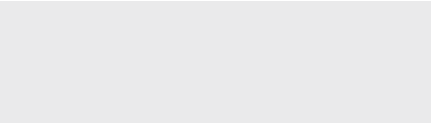
David

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From: Jared Gustafson <Jared.Gustafson@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 12, 2023 9:00 AM
To: David Jackson <david.jackson@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Globe article

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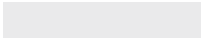
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From: [Michael Hocken](#)
To: [Andrew Hanon](#)
Subject: FW: For review: DRAFT DMEC BN with Attachments
Date: June 12, 2023 11:17:00 AM
Attachments: 

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For your review as well sorry missed you off the list

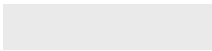
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Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction


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From: Michael Hocken
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 11:17 AM
To: Lisa Hickman (JUST) <Lisa.Hickman@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FW: For review: DRAFT DMEC BN with Attachments

I can get a quick review by both of you before this goes up to the SARTR DMO

Michael Hocken
Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
and Red Tape Reduction


Classification: Protected A

From: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2023 11:07 AM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: For review: DRAFT DMEC BN with Attachments

For review/edits.

Rachel Bouska
Executive Advisor, Assistant Deputy Minister's Office
Financial and Administrative Shared Services
Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
780-644-4524



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- 27(1)(a) - legal privilege, including solicitor client privilege or parliamentary privilege
- 24(1)(b) - consultations or deliberations involving officials

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- 24(1)(b) - consultations or deliberations involving officials
- 20(1)(m) - harm the security of any property or system
- 25(1)(b) - financial, commercial, scientific, technical or other information

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- NR - Non Responsive

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- 25(1)(b) - financial, commercial, scientific, technical or other information

Maria Varela

From: Andrew Hanon
Sent: June 13, 2023 3:18 PM
To: Julia Pickering; Scott Seymour
Subject: [REDACTED]
Attachments: [REDACTED]

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Quick review

Classification: Protected A

From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted]
Date: June 13, 2023 3:34:00 PM
Attachments: [redacted]
Importance: High

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For your review, please.

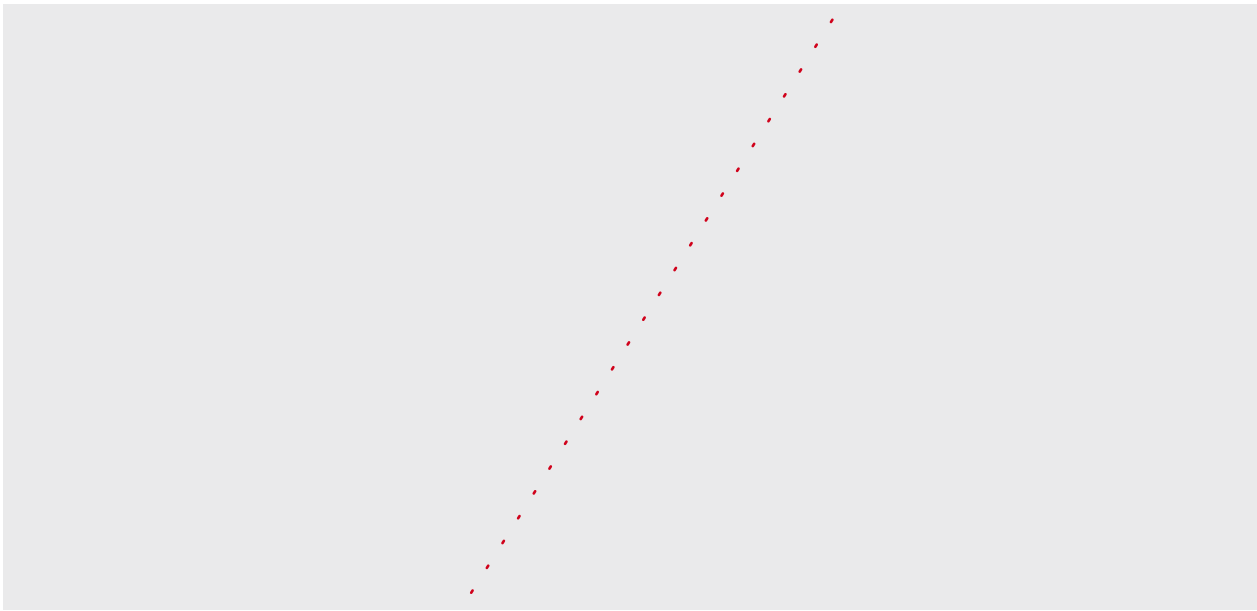
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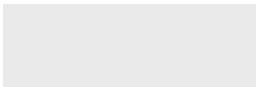
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From: Andrew Hanon
Sent: June 13, 2023 3:31 PM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Stephanie Clarke <stephanie.clarke@gov.ab.ca>;
Fiona Slessor <Fiona.Slessor@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rac [redacted] <ka@gov.ab.ca>; Julia Pickering <Julia.Pickering@gov.ab.ca>
Subject [redacted]
Importance: High

24(1)(a)
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From: [Rachel Bouska](#)
To: [Andrew Hanon](#)
Cc: [Julia Pick](#); _____ en; [Stephanie Clarke](#); [Fiona Slessor](#)
Subject: RE: RUSH _____
Date: _____
Attachments: _____

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Hi Andrew – I made two very minor formatting changes.

Thanks!
Rachel

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From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Rachel Bouska](#)
Cc: _____ [ken](#); [Stephanie Clarke](#); [Fiona Slessor](#)
Subject: _____
Date: June 13, 2023 3:43:00 PM
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Thanks, Rachel

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From: [Michael Hocken](#)
To: [Andrew Hanon](#); [Stephanie Clarke](#); [Fiona Slessor](#)
Cc: _____ing
Subject: _____
Date: June 13, 2023 3:45:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

I am good with these.

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Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
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Maria Varela

From: Andrew Hanon
Sent: June 13, 2023 4:01 PM
To:
Subject: [REDACTED]
Attachments: [REDACTED]

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Hi Nicky,
Here are the [REDACTED] Unfortunately I wasn't able to find a cross jurisdictional comparison yet.

Andrew

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Maria Varela

From: Andrew Hanon
Sent: June 13, 2023 4:13 PM
To:
Subject:
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From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Nicky Gocuan](#)
Subject: Re: FOIP
Date: June 14, 2023 10:17:00 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

20(1)(m)
25(1)(b)

Hi Nicky,

We're just gearing this up today, so I'll get back to you shortly with a timeline. For background, it is going to take some back and forth with the Globe to refine exactly what they are looking for and how much we can deliver to them. The Globe warned us of this. That's why it took them a year to get the secretcanada.com website up and running.

Andrew

From: Nicky Gocuan <Nicky.Gocuan@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 9:51:41 AM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: Re: FOIP

Hi Andrew,

Just a clarification, I was told that Department is collating all Data necessary that Globe & Mail wants. But it is being done outside of FOIP. If this is correct, When should I expect to see this? Please let me know.

Best regards,

Nicky Gocuan
Press Secretary
Office of the Minister of Service Alberta

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From: [Michael Hocken](#)
To: [Maureen Towle](#)
Subject: FW: Globe and Mail Article
Date:
Attachments: [Redacted]

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FYI

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Assistant Deputy Minister, Financial and Administrative Shared Services
Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
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From: Izabela Witkowska <Izabela.Witkowska@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 2:26 PM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Stacy Shenfield <Stacy.Shenfield@gov.ab.ca>; Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FW: Globe and Mail Article

FYI.

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From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Jill Oconnor](#); [Anoushka Fernandes](#); [Lisa Kapphahn](#); [Kal](#)
Subject: RE: Potential impacts of expected Globe and Mail story [redacted]
Date: June 16, 2023 9:55:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks, Jill

-24(1)(a)

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From: Jill Oconnor <Jill.Oconnor@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 16, 2023 9:41 AM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Anoushka Fernandes <Anoushka.Fernandes@gov.ab.ca>; Lisa Kapphahn <lisa.kapphahn@gov.ab.ca>; Kaley Young <Kaley.Young@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: FW: Potential impacts of expected Globe and Mail story [redacted]

-24(1)(a)

Good Morning Andrew,

Just following up to you on this. We received no calls at all.

Thanks,

Jill O'Connor

Team Lead
Central Logistics
Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction
Government of Alberta

-20(1)(m)

25(1)(b)

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jill.oconnor@gov.ab.ca



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From: Anoushka Fernandes <Anoushka.Fernandes@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 2:51 PM

Jill.Oconnor@gov.ab.ca

Cc: Kaley Young <Kaley.Young@gov.ab.ca>; Lisa Kapphahn <lisa.kapphahn@gov.ab.ca>;

Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: Potential impacts of expected Globe and Mail story - [REDACTED]

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·24(1)(b)

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Hi Jill,

I just spoke to Andrew. We are anticipating a Globe and Mail story to break in the next day or so with respect to provincial policies for release of information under their respective FOIP legislation; and we anticipate Alberta is going to be criticized in the piece.

Thanks,

Anoushka

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From: [Maureen Towle](#)
To: [Michael Hocken](#); [Andrew Hanon](#)
Cc: [Rachel Bouska](#); [Breanne Mceachren](#)
Subject: RE: Alberta FOIP data
Date: June 20, 2023 10:03:54 AM
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Sounds good and happy to help on that end .

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From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June-20-23 9:50 AM
To: Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>; Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Alberta FOIP data

I can probably manage discussion as it will primarily be about what data do they really want, but I would like T&I's perspective on what we finally provide for data

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From: Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:47 AM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>; Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: Alberta FOIP data

Hi, I have availability tomorrow morning before 10:00 am – question, Michael do you really need me there?

Thanks,
Maureen

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From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June-20-23 9:39 AM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>; Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: RE: Alberta FOIP data

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Tomorrow AM works

Thursday I just have a couple meetings 10:30 to 12:30 and 2:30 to 3:00.

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From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 9:37 AM

To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>; Maureen Towle <Maureen.Towle@gov.ab.ca>

Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>; Breanne Mceachren <Breanne.Mceachren@gov.ab.ca>

Subject: FW: Alberta FOIP data

Hi all,

The Globe is hoping to meet and discuss next steps for providing the data they seek (off the record – I will reiterate that at the start of the meeting) either tomorrow or Thursday.

I'm free any time tomorrow morning and all day Thursday. If you let me know your availability I can set up a Teams meeting.

Andrew

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From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Michael Hocken](#)
Cc: [Rachel Bouska](#)
Subject: RE: For review: summary of this morning's meeting
Date: June 21, 2023 12:56:00 PM

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25(1)(b)

Thanks for the quick turnaround!

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From: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: June 21, 2023 12:56 PM
To: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: RE: For review: summary of this morning's meeting

Suggested changes in highlight. Sorry couldn't figure out how to strikethrough on old text

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From: Andrew Hanon <Andrew.Hanon@gov.ab.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 12:48 PM
To: Michael Hocken <michael.hocken@gov.ab.ca>
Cc: Rachel Bouska <Rachel.Bouska@gov.ab.ca>
Subject: For review: summary of this morning's meeting
Importance: High

Hey Michael,
Here's my summary of the meeting for submission to the DMO and MO. Please have a look and make any necessary edits. I'd like to submit it by mid-afternoon, if possible.

Andrew

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From: [Andrew Hanon](#)
To: [Nicky Gocuan](#)
Subject: second FOIP inquiry and response
Date: June 21, 2023 3:55:00 PM

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From: [Lisa Hickman \(JUST\)](#)
To: [Michael Hocken](#); [Maureen Towle](#)
Subject: RE: Summary of this morning's FOIP meeting with the Globe and Mail
Date: June 22, 2023 8:51:28 AM
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Great. Thanks!

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From: [Michael Hocken](#)
To: [Stacy Shenfield](#)
Subject: FW: Summary of this morning's FOIP meeting with the Globe and Mail
Date: June 28, 2023 8:35:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

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FYI. For this morning's discussion. One item that is not listed below is the department. G&M are requesting it as a data element as well.

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