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Any response yet?

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Thank you Renee. As you are aware, section 20(1)(a) is discretionary. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] What Cabinet Secretariat and the Premier's Office have directed verbally in the current context makes the application of section 20(1)(a) mandatory. You have indicated that as a matter of policy that for any request respecting Q & A briefing notes, the anticipated questions should not be disclosed.

I refer you to an excerpt from the IPC report which probably generated your opinion, as follows:

"I find several aspects of this case to be disturbing, including the amount of time involved, the withholding of information that had already been publicly released, the application of a blanket approach to information,"

The assessment I made on the current ER/PR request is that the anticipated questions should be disclosed and from a technical vantage point I stand by that assessment. [REDACTED]

Notwithstanding, I respect the direction of Cabinet Secretariat and the Office of the Premier, and you will find attached a copy of the original documentation and the revised severed documents as per your request.

Regards

Reg Coates

>>> Renee Pendergast 12/07/2007 12:08:24 pm >>>  
Reg,

Please review the legal opinion that we received from Justice [REDACTED]

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