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Our File – Notre référence
G-2022-00870 / LAM
Your File – Votre référence

September 9, 2022

Mr. Paul Taylor


Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am responding to your request made under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)* for access to the following information:

Requesting all communications between the Premier's Office, the Minister's Office of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. This is involving any directives/direction regarding the \$1.5 billion rebate given by WSIB to employers, and the WSIB's decision to advertise this rebate. Also records regarding the communications about making the policy decision to provide rebate to employers. For the time period from June 29, 2018, to June 2, 2022

The Minister's Office conducted a preliminary search for records. Based on an initial review of the records, it will cost an estimated \$360.00 to process your request. This estimate is based on search time only. Please note that there may be additional processing charges incurred once the records have been reviewed.

Where the fee estimate is over \$100.00, an institution may request a deposit equal to 50% of the estimated fee.

If you wish to proceed with your request, we require your written acceptance of this fee estimate as itemized in the enclosed fee statement, along with a deposit of **\$180.00**. Please forward your cheque or money order to our office made payable to the Minister of Finance and quote the file number G-2022-00870 / LAM. Once we receive your cheque, we will resume processing your request. For your reference, enclosed is a copy of Section 57 of the *FIPPA* and the relevant regulations regarding fees, fee estimates and fee waivers.

If you decide to proceed with your request, the volume of records will require an extension of the 30 calendar day time limit for responding to your request under Section 27(1) of the *FIPPA*. The length of the extension will depend on a number of factors including the number of requests in progress at the time the decision to extend is made. You may contact Program Advisor, Larissa Migus at larissa.migus@ontario.ca or 416-508-9803 with any questions or to narrow the scope of your request. Please use the above request number assigned to your request in all future communications.

Under section 50(1) of the Act, you may request that the Information and Privacy Commissioner review this decision. You can do so by filing an appeal online at www.ipc.on.ca. Alternatively, appeals can still be mailed with a cheque or money order payable to "Minister of Finance" to: Registrar, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, ON, M4W 1A8. Please note that you have 30 days from the receipt of this letter to request a review. Lastly, please be aware that there is a \$25 appeal fee.

If confirmation to proceed with a request is not received within 30 days from the date of this letter, our office will administratively close our file as it will be assumed that the requester is no longer interested in the records.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jason Gartshore
A/Manager, Freedom of Information, Privacy and Information Management Office

Enclosure

The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Section 57 Fees

(1) A head shall require the person who makes a request for access to a record to pay fees in the amounts prescribed by the regulations for,

- (a) the costs of every hour of manual search required to locate a record;
- (b) the costs of preparing the record for disclosure;
- (c) computer and other costs incurred in locating, retrieving, processing and copying a record;
- (d) shipping costs; and
- (e) any other costs incurred in responding to a request for access to a record. 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (1).

(2) Repealed: 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (1).

Estimate of costs

(3) The head of an institution shall, before giving access to a record, give the person requesting access a reasonable estimate of any amount that will be required to be paid under this Act that is over \$25. R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, s. 57 (3).

Waiver of payment

(4) A head shall waive the payment of all or any part of an amount required to be paid under subsection (1) if, in the head's opinion, it is fair and equitable to do so after considering,

- (a) the extent to which the actual cost of processing, collecting and copying the record varies from the amount of the payment required by subsection (1);
- (b) whether the payment will cause a financial hardship for the person requesting the record;
- (c) whether dissemination of the record will benefit public health or safety; and
- (d) any other matter prescribed in the regulations. R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, s. 57 (4); 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (2).

Review

(5) A person who is required to pay a fee under subsection (1) may ask the Commissioner to review the amount of the fee or the head's decision not to waive the fee. R.S.O. 1990, c. F.31, s. 57 (5); 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (3).

Disposition of fees

(6) The fees provided in this section shall be paid and distributed in the manner and at the times prescribed in the regulations. 1996, c. 1, Sched. K, s. 11 (4).

Regulation 460 / 823

Fees for General Records Requests

Search time:	\$7.50 per 15 minutes required to search and retrieve records
Record preparation:	\$7.50 per 15 minutes required to prepare records for release (2 min. per page)
Photocopying:	\$.0.20 per page
Computer programming:	\$15.00 per 15 minutes if needed to develop a program to retrieve information
CDs:	\$10.00 per CD
Shipping costs:	Actual cost of shipping, and any other costs incurred in responding to a request for access to a record.

Fees for Personal Information Requests

Photocopying:	\$.0.20 per page
Computer programming:	\$15.00 per 15 minutes if needed to develop a program to retrieve information
CDs:	\$10.00 per CD
Shipping costs:	Actual cost of shipping, and any other costs incurred in responding to a request for access to a record.