

June 21, 2021

Justin.Piche@uottawa.ca

Dear Justin Piche:

SUBJECT: REQUEST NUMBER SOLGEN-A-2021-02233

This letter is in response to your request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) for access to copies of records outlining the results of COVID-19 related labour and workplace safety inspections, assessments and audits of provincial correctional institutions.

Please be advised that access to the requested information relating to labour and workplace safety inspections is denied in accordance with section 65(6) of the Act.

Section 65(6) states that the Act does not apply to records collected, prepared, maintained or used by or on behalf of a ministry or agency in relation to any of the following:

- (1) Proceedings or anticipated proceedings before a court, tribunal or other entity relating to labour relations or to the employment of a person by the institution;
- (2) Negotiations or anticipated negotiations relating to labour relations or to the employment of a person by the institution between the institution and a person, bargaining agent or party to a proceeding or an anticipated proceeding;
- (3) Meetings, consultations, discussions or communications about labour relations or employment-related matters in which the institution has an interest.

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The Ministry is of the opinion that section 65(6) is applicable in the circumstances of your request. As a result, the records you have requested are not accessible under the Act.

Please note that there has been no internal audit performed since 2019. As such there is no audit information relating to COVID 19. All other audits are performed by the Auditor General of Ontario.

This decision was made by the undersigned. You are entitled to appeal this decision within 30 days to:

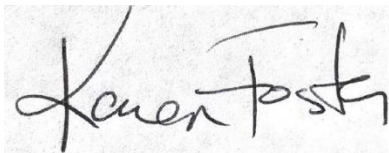
Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario (IPC)
2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400
Toronto, ON M4W 1A8
(416) 326-3333

Should you decide to file an appeal, please provide the IPC with:

- 1) a copy of this decision letter;
- 2) a copy of your original request for access to information;
- 3) the mandatory appeal fee of \$25.00 in the form of a cheque or money order made payable to the Minister of Finance.

Should you have any questions regarding your request, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Foster, A/Senior Program Analyst & Advisor, at 705-492-6195.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Foster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

for:
Enza Ragone
Coordinator
Freedom of Information and
Protection of Privacy Services