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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Access to Information Request No. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for access to information, which was received in this office on July 20, 2012. You requested the following information: Records identifying the number of legal aid certificates that have been applied for and/or issued within 91 days, preceding the first day of the month of July, in the year 2012 (that is for the three months April to June 2012) for a proceeding before the Immigration and Refugee Board (and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, including the Immigration Division, the Immigration Appeal Division and the Refugee Protection Division) and to the furthest extent possible to break down the number of legal aid certificates by the Division in which the proceedings relate and the type of matter or the nature of the proceedings." You also asked that the statistics be provided by local office and overall totals in the province.

At this time, I am enclosing information responsive to your request which has been gathered from our computer records. The attached tables represent the issuance of certificates. The first page shows total applications and certificates in the first table and in the second table, a breakdown of how many of those certificates were for an opinion and how many for a full proceedings. The following three pages show the breakdown of certificates by office, depending on where the application was taken. These refer to the Appeal Division, the RPD and other immigration proceedings. Judicial review statistics are not included in this breakdown as this was not part of your request.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. I am responsible for the decision to grant you access to these records. You may ask for a review of this decision within 30 days of receiving this letter by writing to: The Information and Privacy Commission/Ontario, 2 Bloor Street West, Suite 1400, Toronto Ontario M4W 1A8, Telephone 1-800-387-0073.

If you decide to request a review of this decision, please provide the Commissioner's office with the following: the file number listed at the beginning of this letter; a copy of this decision letter; and a copy of the original request for information you sent to our institution.

In addition, you must send an appeal fee to the Commissioner's office. That appeal fee for other than personal information is \$25.00.

Yours truly,

Janet Budgell  
Acting President/CEO