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August 31, 2012



RE: FOI REQUEST NUMBER

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your *Freedom of Information (FOI)* request for access to information, which our office received on August 2, 2012.

You requested access to:

1. Copies of all authorizations for overrides of discretionary payments since 2005, including but not limited to memoranda instructing a pay-as-billed override.
2. From 2005 to date, a breakdown by year of how many discretionary payments were requested, how much money was requested via discretionary payments, how many discretionary payments were approved and for how much.

In a telephone conversation on August 7, 2012 with *FIPPA* Coordinator [REDACTED] you confirmed you are withdrawing the first part of the request. Therefore, I am responding only to item number 2 above.

The information you have requested has been published and is currently available to the public on Legal Aid Ontario's website at www.lao.on.ca. Accordingly, an exemption is claimed pursuant to s. 22(a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)*.

I am the person responsible for this decision. 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.

Sincerely,

Michelle Séguin on behalf of Robert W. Ward
President/CEO