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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 June 6, 2013, along with the \$5 application fee.

You requested the following records:

Copies of LAO President and CEO's:

- Credit card summary, plus statement and reconciliation forms
- Out-of-pocket expense summary, plus invoices

for the reporting period of 2006/07, 2007/08, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13.

As a publicly funded organization, Legal Aid Ontario is committed to proactive disclosure and transparency in all manners of funding. Since 2008/2009, expense reports of Legal Aid Ontario senior management have been made available online at: <http://www.legalaid.on.ca/en/publications/disclosure.asp>

The information on this website is accessible by the public. Section 22 states that a head may refuse to disclose a record where the record or the information contained in the record has been published or is currently available to the public. Therefore, the request for information for the periods of 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 is being denied under s. 22 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. It does not appear that you are requesting information for 2008-2009, but reports for this period are also available online.

Information prior to 2008/2009 is not currently available on the LAO website. Section 22 provides that a head may refuse to disclose a record where the head believes on reasonable grounds that the record or the information contained in the record will be published by the institution within 90 days after the request is made or within such further period of time as may be necessary for printing or translating the material for the purpose of printing it. Because it is the intention of LAO to publish this information and make it accessible to the public within 90 days, I am refusing to disclose the records. This information will be made

available online within 90 days at the internet address for senior management expense reports.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. I am 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. The appeal fee for personal information is \$10.00.

Yours truly,

Robert W. Ward  
President/CEO

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