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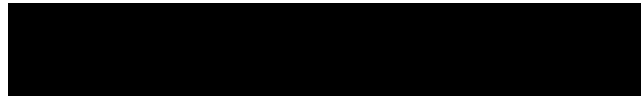
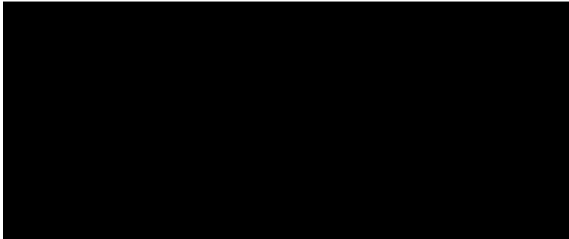


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June 4, 2021

2021-257 PSC



Re: *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the "Act")

You have requested access to records under the Act from the Public Service Commission, as follows:

"Please provide documentation on pay reductions for staff (including ones decided by an arbitrator/through negotiation) since May 1, 2020 and any estimates on the savings to government from those reductions. Please note pay reductions to wages and salaries, not reductions to benefits, overtime pay, etc. A summary note is preferable - for example:

**Fire Union, 1 % reduction
Police union, 1 % reduction
Transit union, 1.5% reduction
CUPE, 1% reduction**

Further, please provide any briefing notes or memos that were created between August 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020 that were related to pay reductions."

Time period: May 1, 2020 to May 14, 2021

I am writing to inform you that the Public Service Commission has no records relating to the subject of your request.

The Public Service Commission is not aware of any pay reductions to staff or pay reductions negotiated with unions and have not been part of any decision on pay reductions made by an arbitrator.

Pursuant to section 60 of the Act, you may make a written request to the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this matter. You have 60 days from the date of this notice to request a review by writing to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at the J. Angus MacLean Building, P. O. Box 2000, Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8.

When requesting a review, please provide the Commissioner with the following information:

- the file number noted at the top of this letter;
- a copy of this letter; and
- a copy of your original request form.

If you have any questions, please contact the Access and Privacy Services Office at 902-569-7590 or apso@gov.pe.ca.

Sincerely,



Tanya Rowell
Chief Executive Officer

c: Access and Privacy Services Office

Good afternoon,

Attached is the decision letter of the Public Service Commission in response to your request for the following:

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Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Mary-Lynn Smith
FOIPP Analyst

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Government is reducing operations to essential services. Government is reducing the number of staff in government buildings to limit the exposure to COVID 19, while balancing the need to continue essential operations.

***Your access request matters;** however, government's ability to respond to some requests within the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act's legislated time frames may be impacted during the coming weeks.*

We will be in touch with all applicants within the next 30 days to provide an update on your request(s). I apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause you.

"The overarching purpose of access to information legislation - is to facilitate democracy. It does so in two related ways. It helps to ensure first, that citizens have the information required to participate meaningfully in the democratic process, and secondly, that politicians and bureaucrats remain accountable to the citizenry." The Honourable Mr. Gerard La Forest, former Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada

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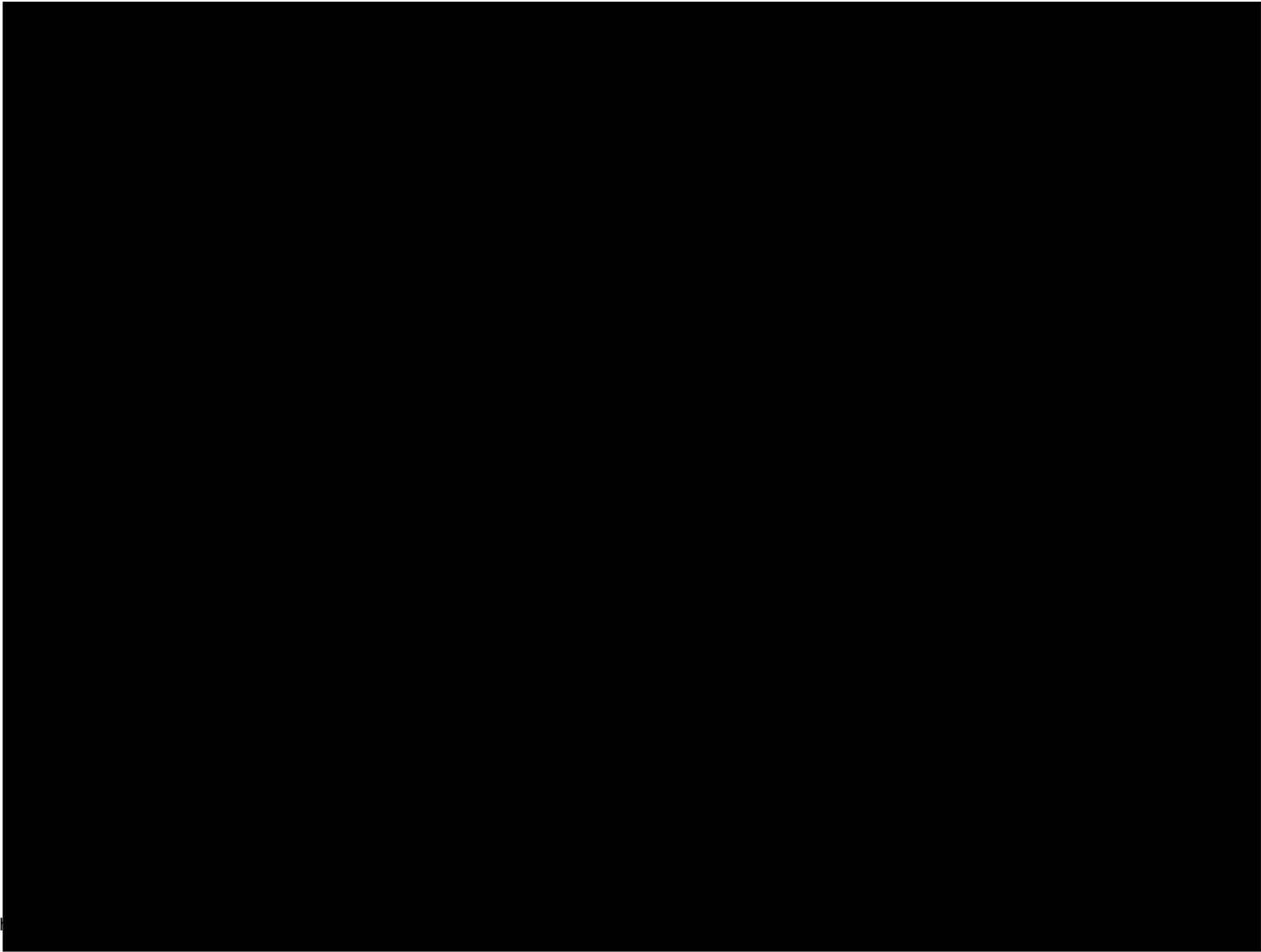


Hello Mary-Lynn,

Thank you for the response.

Just to clarify, this response means that there have been no pay cuts for PEI government employees in the past year?

Regards,



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Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 11:51 AM

Hi,

Yes, that is how I interpret the letter. ml