

Sept. 18, 2001

Mr. Ron Ward
Ministry of Finance
Freedom of Information Office
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Re: Freedom of Information Request - OSC/IDA

Mr Ward:

Please consider this my formal request for access the most recent OSC Audit Report of the IDA's Enforcement activities. A \$5 cheque is enclosed.

The OSC has already refused me access to both the audit and consultant's report on this matter - even though the contents have already been summarized by national media.

The argument used by Mike Watson, OSC Director of Enforcement, is that "when organizations such as the IDA provide information to the Commission they are able to do so without the inhibitions that would exist if such information were to be made available to the public. It is staff's view that this purpose would not be served if the IDA Reports were to be made publicly available. If these self-assessments are not held in confidence, staff is of the opinion that their value as part of the Commission's system of supervision over the IDA would be significantly diminished."

I think what he is saying here is that the IDA would cover up and not allow the OSC to exercise it's supervisory mandate over it. I am flabbergasted at such an admission! So if you would be so kind, I would request access to the audit report. Failing that, the consultant's report on the same subject would suffice for now.

As you may know, I feel it necessary to have this information for my appeal before the OSC Commissioners, a hearing which we are attempting to arrange for November.

Thank you for your assistance in past dealings and for your time and attention to this matter.

Yours truly,

J. F. Roache