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The Honorable Greg Fergus, P.C., M.P.
Speaker of the House of Commons
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
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Subject: Notice pursuant to the House of Commons' Order of June 10, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I am writing further to my letters of July 17, August 21, September 16, and October 21, 2024, and pursuant to the Order of the House of Commons of June 10, 2024 (the "Order") requesting the production of documents from the government, Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC) and the Auditor General of Canada. The Order states, in part, that:

> (h) the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel shall promptly thereafter notify the Speaker whether each entity produced documents as ordered, and the Speaker, in turn, shall forthwith inform the House of the notice of the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel but, if the House stands adjourned, the Speaker shall lay the notice upon the table pursuant to Standing Order 32(1); and
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> (i) the Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel shall provide forthwith any documents received by him, pursuant to this order, to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police [RCMP].

On October 21, 2024, through Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED), Statistics Canada and National Research Council Canada (NRC) provided me with documents. NRC indicated that they would provide additional documents, as a final package, as soon as possible. I received the final tranche of documents from NRC, through ISED, on November 7, 2024.

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On October 23, 2024, ISED provided me with documents and indicated that these were the fourth tranche of their documents to be submitted in response to the Order, and were expediting the processing of a final tranche of documents to submit to me. I received the final tranche of documents from ISED on November 7, 2024.

All three government institutions provided documents containing redactions and/or withheld some pages purportedly relying on the *Access to Information Act*. A copy of the letters I received are reproduced in the Annex.

In accordance with the Order, I will continue to notify you of the receipt of other documents.

As stated above, paragraph (h) of the Order provides that, as Speaker, you must forthwith inform the House of this notice.

Sincerely,

Michel Bédard
Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel

Encl.

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Dear Michel Bédard:

Statistics Canada acknowledges the June 10, 2024 motion of the House of Commons, ordering the production of all files, documents, briefing notes, memoranda, e-mails or any other correspondence exchanged among government officials regarding Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC) since January 1, 2017.

All documents related to the motion are attached. Redactions have been made in accordance with the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act.*

Yours sincerely,

André Loranger
Chief Statistician of Canada

Attachment

- Package for motion regarding SDTC

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August 26, 2024

Michel Bédard
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Dear Law Clerk & Parliamentary Counsel,

I am writing in response to the House of Commons motion, adopted on June 10, 2024, regarding the provision of documents pertaining to Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC), created or dated since January 1, 2017. The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) is implicated in parts (a) and (b) of the motion:

> (a) all files, documents, briefing notes, memoranda, e-mails or any other correspondence exchanged among government officials regarding SDTC; and
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> (b) contribution and funding agreements to which SDTC is a party;

In this regard, please accept the NRC's second submission of documents. It includes 455 pages with minimal redactions in accordance with principles of access to information law (e.g., personal e-mail addresses).

The NRC is continuing to review an additional package of more complex records. These records have required consultation with third parties in accordance with principles of access to information law. We will submit these additional documents, as a final package, at the earliest possible date.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Original version in English is signed.

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Dear Michel Bédard:

Please find attached Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's (ISED) fourth tranche of documents in response to the House of Commons motion requesting documents pertaining to Sustainable Development Technology Canada from January 1, 2017, to June 10, 2024.

As of this submission, ISED and its portfolio partners have provided more than 15,000 pages of documents in response to the June 10 motion, and the department is now expediting the processing of one final package to submit to your office no later than November 2024.

Once again, ISED is committed to meeting its obligation to comply with the House of Commons motion by providing all documents that are material to the motion as soon as possible. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Bilodeau, Francis

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Francis Bilodeau
Acting Deputy Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development

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October 29, 2024

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Dear Law Clerk & Parliamentary Counsel,

I am writing in response to the House of Commons motion, adopted on June 10, 2024, regarding the provision of documents pertaining to Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC), created or dated since January 1, 2017. The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) is implicated in parts (a) and (b) of the motion:

a) all files, documents, briefing notes, memoranda, e-mails or any other correspondence exchanged among government officials regarding SDTC; and
b) contribution and funding agreements to which SDTC is a party;

In this regard, please accept the NRC's fourth and fifth submission of documents. It includes 474 pages with redactions in accordance with principles of access to information law.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Dear Michel Bédard:

Please find attached the final package of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's (ISED) documents in response to the House of Commons motion requesting documents pertaining to Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC) from January 1, 2017, to June 10, 2024.

As of this submission, ISED and its portfolio partners have, in accordance with the June 10 motion, submitted all documents pertaining to SDTC to your office. Delivering these documents as directed by the motion has been a top priority for the department and we have dedicated significant resources to ensuring we have conducted a thorough search for these documents. These efforts reflect ISED's openness and transparency with the government and Parliament to provide these documents, while also respecting our department's legislative requirement to adhere to protecting the privacy of individuals and third parties.

Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Francis Bilodeau
Associate Deputy Minister of Innovation, Science
and Economic Development

Attachments