

**Ministry
 of Education**
 Freedom of Information &
 Protection of Privacy

**Ministère
 de l'Éducation**
 Accès à l'information
 et la protection de la vie privée

August 12, 2020

Jasmine Moulton
 Canadian Taxpayers Federation

Dear Jasmine Moulton,

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACCESS REQUEST NUMBER EDU-200050

I am writing in response to your access request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) for the following information:

“Please provide the total amount(s) the Ontario government spent to rent the hotel space, food and accommodations on negotiations with the Ontario teachers’ unions. The timeframe of this request is from August 1, 2019 to the present.”

After a thorough search, the following is the information responsive to your request:

Expenditures for negotiations with teachers and education workers from August 2019 – July 2020 (2019-22 Collective Agreements)	Amount:
Hospitality: Sheraton Hotel meeting rooms	\$814,408.88
Staff meal expenses:	\$21,438.50
Staff accommodations:	\$72,121.30
Total:	\$907,968.68

Notes:

1. The above table is a list of actuals the Ministry spent for collective bargaining-related expenses with trustees’ associations, teachers’ federations, and education workers’ unions for the period of August 2019 to the present (July 2020). These figures do not cover any bargaining expenses for the associations, federations or unions themselves.
2. It is not possible to separate expenses between teacher negotiating tables (4) and education worker tables (5).
3. Please note that ‘food’ expenses are only those from EDU staff expense claims. No food was ordered through the hotel as part of the hotel charges. Same for accommodations.
4. The noted hotel charges are for meeting rooms and office space within the suites.

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You have the right to file an appeal regarding any part of your access request with the Information and Privacy Commissioner, 2 Bloor Street East, Suite 1400, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 1A8, telephone number (416) 326-3333 / 1-800-387-0073, under section 50 of the Act. Such an appeal must be requested within 30 days of the date of this letter.

If you would like to appeal this decision, please provide the Commissioner's Office with the following:

1. the file number listed at the beginning of this letter;
2. a copy of this decision letter;
3. a copy of the original request for information which you sent to this institution.

In addition, you must send an appeal fee to the Commissioner's Office. If your request was for your personal information, the appeal fee is \$10.00. The appeal fee for all other requests for information is \$25.00. Please include the fee in your letter of appeal - appeal fees should be in the form of either a cheque or money order, made payable to the Minister of Finance.

Please contact Jeffrey Jenkins, Team Lead, Information and Privacy, at (647) 627-2874, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susana Miranda".

Susana Miranda
Information and Privacy Coordinator