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Sent via email: info@democracywatch.ca

Dear Mr. Conacher,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 30, 2019, in which you ask for an explanation as to why I will not issue a public ruling on the matter raised in it.

I have reviewed your letter, however my position is unchanged from the explanation I provided in my letter to you of April 11, 2019. As I indicated at that time, the determinations I make as Ethics Executive to ministers' staff are handled in confidence, although samples of the inquiries and determinations are provided in an abbreviated and anonymized format in the Office's annual report. Given the employment relationship between public servants and the government I do not think that it would be appropriate for any determinations I make to public servants as their Ethics Executive to be made public as you suggest.

Sincerely,

The Honourable J. David Wake
Integrity Commissioner