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Dear Duff Conacher:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, received by the Privy Council Office on November 22, 2023, for the following information:

“All records of communications concerning the appointment of Konrad von Finckenstein as Interim Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner for a six-month term, and concerning the ongoing appointment process for the position of Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner for a seven-year term, from January 1, 2023 through to the date on which the records covered to this request are disclosed. Democracy Watch does not request the disclosure in any of the records that will be disclosed any personal information covered by s. 19 of the ATIA, or any third party information covered by s. 20 of the ATIA, so no consultations will be required with anyone or any entity whose personal or third-party information is included in the records.”

At the present time, meeting the original time limit of 30 days would unreasonably interfere with operations. Further, we have found it necessary to undertake a consultation process. As a result, an extension of up to 165 days beyond the 30-day statutory deadline is required to complete your request. The new legislative due date for your request is **June 4, 2024**. Should the consultations be completed in a shorter timeframe than specified, we will endeavour to respond to your request before the due date.

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Please be advised that you are entitled to bring a complaint regarding the processing of your request to the Information Commissioner (30 Victoria Street, Gatineau, Québec K1A 1H3). The *Access to Information Act* allows a complaint to be made within sixty days of the receipt of this notice.

Yours sincerely,

David Neilson
Executive Director
Access to Information and Privacy
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c.c.: Information Commissioner