



July 20, 2023

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Dear Mr. CONACHER:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on July 22, 2022, for:

*As it did in February 2021 in a letter to the RCMP, Democracy Watch again requests records with regard to all decisions made concerning the examination and any subsequent investigations that have been undertaken, and all decisions concerning prosecuting anyone involved in the situation of the allegation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, former Finance Minister Bill Morneau, some members of their staff, and former Clerk of the Privy Council Michael Wernick obstructed justice by pressuring then-Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould to stop the prosecution of SNC-Lavalin. As mentioned in this recent media article: <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/politics/article-newly-released-documents-show-rcmp-considered-whether-to-charge-justin/> the RCMP has disclosed in response to an ATI Act request documents concerning the investigation into the trip gift given by the Aga Khan to Prime Minister Trudeau and his family. Given that the RCMP has disclosed documents concerning the investigation into the Aga Khan's trip gift, Democracy Watch requests that the same set of documents as has been disclosed with regard to the Aga Khan situation investigation be disclosed by the RCMP concerning its investigation into the SNC-Lavalin prosecution situation.*

This new request was opened for administrative purposes only to allow the ATIP team to accurately track all actions taken in order respond to your request. The application fee has been waived, you have been identified as the requester and the release package will be provided to you upon completion. To that end, the ATIP Branch has received upwards of 4000 pages of relevant material to your request and is working to process these records as quickly as possible.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police is committed to assisting you with your request. In order to do so, an extension of 60 days beyond the 30-day statutory time limit is required. This extension is being taken in accordance with paragraph 9(1)(a) of the *Act*. The extension is required due to a large number of records or necessitates a search through a large number of records and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with the operations.

A description of paragraph 9(1)(a) can be found at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>. This date coincides with the release date previously stated of September 19, 2023.

In response to your nine questions raised in your email, as the review is currently on-going, I am not in a position to answer with any degree of certainty.

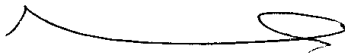
Please be advised that you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days of receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada  
30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor  
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For additional information on the complaint process, or to file a complaint online:  
<https://www.oic-ci.gc.ca/en/submitted-complaint>

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact me [amy.cruickshank@rcmp-gc.ca](mailto:amy.cruickshank@rcmp-gc.ca). Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,



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