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Dear Ms. Hawley George:

I wish to advise you that the 2022-23 Annual Report for the Commissioner of Lobbyists will not be tabled in the House of Assembly by September 29, 2023. The Commissioner of Lobbyists is an entity of one and is currently vacant. As such, an appointed Commissioner is not available to submit the Activity Plan as required by section 7 of the **Transparency and Accountability Act**. The Department of Justice and Public Safety has been working with the Independent Appointments Commission since March 2023 to appoint the Commissioner of Lobbyists through the merit-based process. The 2022-23 Annual Report will be tabled at the earliest possible opportunity once the new Commissioner is in place.

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Minister of Justice and Public Safety

Attorney General

CC: Chelsea Hellings, Assistant Deputy Minister, Evaluation and Accountability