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**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

March 29, 2022

Michael Hillmer  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Capacity Planning and Analytics Division  
Ministry of Health  
13th Flr, 1075 Bay St  
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Dear Mr. Hillmer:

**RE: Review of the Practices and Procedures of the Ministry of Health's Inter-Ministerial Data Integration Unit**

Pursuant to subsection 49.12 (2) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the *Act*), the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario (IPC) is responsible for reviewing the practices and procedures of inter-ministerial data integration units after they are designated and at least once every three years thereafter. Pursuant to subparagraph 49.5 (1) 1.ii of the *Act*, inter-ministerial data integration units may not begin collecting personal information until the IPC's first review has been completed.

As you are aware, over the past six months my office has been actively reviewing and providing comments on the practices and procedures of the inter-ministerial data integration unit located in the Capacity Planning and Analytics Division of the Ministry of Health (the MOH IMDIU). I am pleased to inform you that this review has now been completed.

Please find enclosed the IPC's report, which summarizes the practices and procedures reviewed, and the comments and responses exchanged between the IPC and the MOH IMDIU. The report further includes the IPC's findings with respect to the practices and procedures reviewed, as well as the IPC's reasons for recommendations made, and orders issued under subsection 49.12 (7) of the *Act*.

In the interests of transparency, this letter and the enclosed report will be posted on the IPC's website, and should also be posted on the website of the MOH IMDIU. Should the MOH IMDIU have comments on whether the posting of any part of the report would expose the MOH IMDIU to security risks, please provide them to Andrew Hilts, Senior Technology and Policy Advisor at [Andrew.Hilts@ipc.on.ca](mailto:Andrew.Hilts@ipc.on.ca) by April 5, 2022. The IPC will take these comments into consideration in determining whether any parts of the report should not be posted publicly.



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I recognize that this is the first review of an inter-ministerial data integration unit by my office and I commend the staff at the MOH IMDIU for their commitment and diligence toward producing a large volume of high quality work in a relatively short period of time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Kosseim'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping underline at the end.

Patricia Kosseim  
Commissioner

Enclosure

cc: Aileen Chan, Director, Health Data Branch

Rebecca Batres, Senior Manager, Data Integration Health Data Branch