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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request
2013 FOIA 023221

Dear Ms. Benjamin:

Thank you for writing to the Office of the Illinois Attorney General with your request for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.* (West 2010)).

In two e-mails received on February 4, 2013, you requested copies of records containing "the following information:"

- (1) The total number of Open Meetings Act Violation Requests for Review filed in Illinois with the Attorney Generals [*sic*] Office in 2012[.]
- (2) The total number of [Open Meetings Act Violation] Requests for Review [from 2012] that warranted further investigation[.]
- (3) The total number of [Open Meetings Act Violation] Requests for Review [from 2012] where a ruling was completed, prosecuted, or some other determination was made, thus closing the case.
- (4) The total number of [Open Meetings Act Violation] Requests for Review [from 2012] pending and still active[.]

(5) The number of employees in the Attorney General's Office when Lisa Madigan became the Attorney General[.]

(6) The current number of employees in the Attorney General's office[.]

(7) The total budget for the Attorney General's Office when Lisa Madigan took office[.]

(8) The current year total budget of the Attorney General's office[.]

This office initially responded to your request on February 11, 2013, and provided you with responsive information to parts 1, 5, 6, 7, and 8 of your request. In regards to parts 2, 3, and 4 of your request, we extended the time to respond by five business days pursuant to sections 3(e)(ii) and 3(e)(vi) of FOIA (5 ILCS 140/3(e)(ii), (e)(vi) (West 2010)), because the request required the collection of a substantial amount of specified information and the request could not be complied with by this office within the time limits prescribed without unduly burdening or interfering with the operations of this office. We have now completed collecting the necessary information.

Response to Part 2

Please be advised that there were 186 Open Meetings Act Requests for Review received in 2012 that warranted further investigation.

Response to Part 3

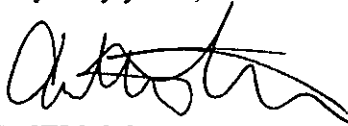
Please be advised that there were 129 Open Meetings Act Requests for Review files from 2012 in which a ruling was completed, prosecuted, or some other determination was made, thus closing the file.

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Response to Part 4

Please be advised that there are 159 Open Meetings Act Requests for Review files from 2012 pending and still active.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Natalie Bauer, Communications Director
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