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Via email: [ablutstein@americarisngllc.com](mailto:ablutstein@americarisngllc.com)

Allan Blutstein  
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Dear Mr. Blutstein,

This is a follow up to my earlier letter to you regarding your public record act request. You have asked for the Attorney General's work calendar since January 1, 2017, and for records reflecting his travel expenses during the same time period.

You have asked to be contacted if the costs of processing this request will exceed \$25.00. I write to let you know that the cost of processing this request will exceed \$25.00 and to ask that you submit payment pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 316(c) ("The agency may require that requests subject to staff time charges under this subsection be made in writing and that all charges be paid, in whole or in part, prior to delivery of the copies.").

To minimize costs, we have sought to show multiple days of the Attorney General's calendar on one page and provide his expenses on one page. Using this approach, the page count is roughly 24. Formatting and duplicating the calendar in this format has taken the Attorney General's scheduler approximately 150 minutes, to be charged at \$.33 a minute under the Secretary of State's Fee Schedule. Excluding the first 30 minutes, this amounts to 120 minutes x \$.33 = \$39.60. In addition, review of the calendar and expenses by senior staff has taken approximately 75 minutes at \$.57 a minute: 75 x \$.57 = \$42.75.

The total costs for this production are therefore  $\$39.60 + \$42.75 = \$82.35$

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If you would like us to proceed with processing this request, please submit an advance payment of \$82.35 pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 316(c). You may submit a check made out to the State of Vermont to the Attorney General's Office, Attention Public Records Officer.

Once we receive and process your payment, we will deliver copies of your requested records.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah London", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah London