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Re: Privacy concerns

Dear Mr. Winton,

This is further to your letters dated October 30th, 2020, and December 15th, 2020, addressed initially to Terry Rickan and subsequently to Pierre Desrochers of Statistics Canada, and Maxime Guénette of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Thank you for raising your concerns with us. Statistics Canada and the CRA take the privacy of Canadians very seriously. We can confirm that no information about Ontario Specialist Association members has been disclosed to the Ontario Medical Association (OMA) by Statistics Canada or the CRA. Furthermore, we have communicated to the OMA that we will not proceed with the project until the concerns of their members are addressed and all parties agree on a way forward.

In addition, we wish to point out that neither Statistics Canada, nor the CRA, are subject to Part 1 of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (PIPEDA). Any personal information acquired by either federal agency is governed by the *Privacy Act*.

Statistics Canada and the CRA are committed to being transparent about our programs and the ways in which we collect, process and store data for the benefits of Canadians. The safeguarding of your information and privacy guide our decisions and drive our work. More information is available in the Statistics Canada [Trust Centre](#) section of our website on how Statistics Canada protects privacy while delivering high quality data, while the CRA's [Privacy Management Framework](#) outlines how the CRA handles and protects personal information.

We trust that this alleviates any concerns you and your clients may have.

Yours truly,

Pierre Desrochers, Ph.D., PMP

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Maxime Guénette

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