



**PUBLIC INTEREST
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COMMISSIONER**

**ANNUAL REPORT
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The Honourable Todd Goudy
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Province of Saskatchewan
Room 129, Legislative Building
2405 Legislative Drive
Regina SK S4S 0B3

Dear Speaker Goudy:

Re: Submission of the 2025 Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner Annual Report

In accordance with subsection 23(1) of *The Public Interest Disclosure Act*, it is my duty and privilege to submit to you the annual report of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner for 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon'.

Sharon Pratchler, K.C.
Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

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Our Team

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Commissioner's Message

Compared to our Ombudsman mandate, which received thousands of inquiries this year, we receive far fewer inquiries under *The Public Interest Disclosure Act*. This year we received a total of 12 inquiries under the Act.

The Public Interest Disclosure Act is designed to address serious instances of wrongdoing in government. There are specific definitions of wrongdoing in the Act which must be met and a prescribed form is provided that must be completed.

In addition, there are restrictions on who can make a disclosure under the Act. The focus is on public servants as defined in the legislation.

Within each public entity covered by the legislation, there is a Designated Officer. Public servants can make their complaint either directly to our office or to the Designated Officer within their public organization. The Designated Officer in each organization can be found simply by searching "Designated Officers in Saskatchewan" in TaskRoom.

If you are unsure if the action or inaction you have witnessed within your public entity is covered by the Act, you can always contact our office or the Designated Officer in your organization to discuss your situation.

Our Work this Year

In 2025, we received a total of 12 inquiries under *The Public Interest Disclosure Act*. 3 of those inquiries were from Designated Officers under the Act wanting information and assistance in assessing inquiries they had received.

In 2 instances, although there was an initial contact with our office and information provided on the process, the individuals did not ultimately submit written complaint forms as required under the Act. For 5 of the files received, the information provided was not specific or detailed enough or did not contain information that would allow us to consider it a wrongdoing under the Act.

1 of the files received did contain a disclosure as it contained information which could constitute wrongdoing under the Act. As this disclosure involved allegations regarding financial matters, we referred it to the Provincial Auditor. 1 file remained open at the end of the year under assessment.

In each case, we reviewed the information provided to assess whether it fell within the scope of wrongdoing as defined in the legislation in order to constitute a disclosure within the Act.

Wrongdoing as defined in the legislation covers the following categories:

- a. a contravention of an Act, a regulation made pursuant to an Act, an Act of the Parliament of Canada or a regulation made pursuant to an Act of the Parliament of Canada;
- b. an act or omission that creates:
 - i. a substantial and specific danger to the life, health or safety of persons other than a danger that is inherent in the performance of the duties or functions of a public servant; or
 - ii. a substantial and specific danger to the environment;
- c. gross mismanagement of public funds or a public asset;
- d. knowingly directing or counselling a person to commit a wrongdoing mentioned in clauses a. to c.

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