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REPORT

OF

**THE HONOURABLE J. DAVID WAKE
INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER**

**RE: MADELEINE MEILLEUR, FORMER MEMBER FOR
OTTAWA-VANIER**

TORONTO, ONTARIO

December 8, 2016

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to a request made by Catherine Fife, the Member of Provincial Parliament for Kitchener-Waterloo, under section 30 of the *Members' Integrity Act, 1994* (the “Act”) about Madeleine Meilleur, the former Member of Provincial Parliament for Ottawa-Vanier and previously the Attorney General. As Ms. Meilleur resigned as a Member of Provincial Parliament before this request was made, there are insufficient grounds for me to conduct an inquiry into whether there has been a breach of the Act or parliamentary convention.

II. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- [1] Under section 30(1) of the Act, a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario who has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that another member has contravened the Act or Ontario parliamentary convention may request that I give an opinion on the matter.
- [2] When a matter is referred to me I may then conduct an inquiry and report my opinion to the Speaker in accordance with section 31 of the Act. Alternatively, I may refuse to conduct an inquiry if I am of the opinion that the referral was frivolous, vexatious, not made in good faith or that there are either no or insufficient grounds for an inquiry as set out in section 31(5) of the Act.

III. THE REQUEST

- [3] On July 27, 2016, my Office responded to an inquiry on behalf of Ms. Fife as to whether a request for an inquiry under section 30 of the Act could be filed about the conduct of a former member. Despite receiving advice from my Office that an inquiry must relate to the conduct of a current member, Ms. Fife sent my office on July 28, 2016, an Affidavit via email requesting an opinion about the conduct of Ms. Meilleur.


IV. OPINION

[4] Given that Ms. Meilleur ceased to be a member as of June 30, 2016¹, almost a full month before Ms. Fife filed her Affidavit, and my jurisdiction to conduct an inquiry under the Act extends only to the conduct of current members, I find that there are insufficient grounds for me to conduct an inquiry into whether there has been a breach of the Act or parliamentary convention.

V. CONCLUSION

It is my opinion that there are insufficient grounds for an inquiry into this matter.

DATED at Toronto this 8th day of December 2016.



The Honourable J. David Wake
Integrity Commissioner

¹On June 9, 2016 Ms. Meilleur announced her resignation from her role as MPP, her last day of service was June 30, 2016.