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**From:** London, Sarah  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 21, 2017 5:10 PM  
**To:** akeays@vtdigger.org  
**Subject:** RE: VTDigger Public Records Request

Dear Alan, I write in response to your public records act request dated June 16, 2017. We write to provide information that we hope is helpful to you, and ask you to clarify and/or narrow your request.

Regarding the first portion of your request, there is presently no written report regarding the management review conducted by the National Association of Attorneys General. This review was requested by Attorney General Donovan, and is a common service provided by NAAG. The review involved interviews of all levels of employees of the VT AGO, and resulted in verbal feedback by NAAG to the Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, and Chief Assistant Attorney General regarding their performance and the performance of other managers in the Office. Attorney General Donovan is presently at a NAAG training, but is happy to discuss this review with you upon his return to the Office next week.

The potentially responsive records will include numerous scheduling interviews between staff of NAAG and Natalie Silver, TJ's assistant, thank you communications related to the review, and the internal notes of the Deputy Attorney General and Chief Assistant Attorney General. Please be aware that the latter category of records are likely exempt from public inspection pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(7) as they are information related to the evaluation of employees of the Attorney General's Office. NAAG will likely generate a written report regarding recommendations related to use of IT within the VT AGO. Upon receipt of that report and review for exempt information, we are happy to work with you to provide you more information. If you are interested in the other types of records described above, we will ask Natalie and others to start the process of collecting responsive records and will provide a cost estimate depending on the volume of responsive records.

Regarding the second portion of your request below, there are well over 1000 potentially responsive communications, which total over 2000 pages. The National Association of Attorneys General regularly communicates with our approximately 150 Assistant Attorneys General regarding trainings, working groups, multi-state briefs and letters, and other topics. Estimating a minimum review time of 2 minutes per page, the second portion of your request will likely require approximately 66 hours to complete. There would be both attorney and non-attorney time required for review of these records. An estimate of the charge for this portion of your production using the mid-level rate of \$.45 a minute would be: 3370 minutes (4000 minus the first 30) x \$.45 a minute = \$1516.50.

If you are instead interested in communications with NAAG related to the management review, those records are described above.

We hope the above information is helpful to you. If you would like to speak with the Attorney General next week, and/or if you can clarify or narrow your request, please let us know. Thanks very much,  
Sarah

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