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“Sunlight is … the best of disinfectants”

- Justice Louis Brandeis

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Independent Review

The Honourable Patrick LeSage and Lynn Mahoney

Changing Nature of Transparency

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• Specific measures:
  - limited power to close hearings
  - publication bans
  - publication of all DC decisions including member’s name
  - open reinstatement hearings
  - no stay in event of appeal
  - set clear legislative parameters on dispute resolution program.
- Expand what information will be placed on the public register:
  - notice of Hearing once served on a member
  - undertakings not to teach
  - information about relevant criminal proceedings.

Record sharing with other agencies

Timing
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- Faster disposition of complaints:
  - tighter timelines for members to respond
  - hiatus only in exceptional circumstances
  - Registrar may appoint an investigator in an emergency situation
  - greater screening of complaints
  - accountability measures if complaint not disposed within 120 days

- “fast-tracking” uncontested complaints
  - timelines for Notices of Hearing
  - timely scheduling of hearings
  - full-day consecutive hearings
  - speedy release and writing of decisions
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Outcome - Ontario

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