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To: [Maxford Nelsen](#)
Cc: [Hatton, Shannon \(OFM\)](#)
Subject: RE: Request for public records
Date: Tuesday, October 15, 2019 11:34:26 AM

RE: PRR-219

Good afternoon, Mr. Nelsen,

In light of your email below, I will close out this request.

Before I do, in response to your question, after talking with staff, I can provide the following information.

This is not really comparable to the biennial negotiation process. It's also not comparable to single out one contract, like WFSE GG, in that process and give a time estimate. There are 32 contracts bargained in tandem, affecting tens of thousands of employees statewide; that bargaining is done over a time period of approximately nine months.

This was a single one year contract, and not a full contract at that, capturing some basic articles for a subset of employees at one agency. It's quite a different circumstance than the biennial bargaining so there's not a good basis for comparison.

With this communication, we have fulfilled our obligations under the Public Records Act, and consider this matter closed.

Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Request for public records

Hi Nathan,

Thank you. No need to provide additional records at this time.

One general question, though. Roughly how long does it typically take for a contract negotiation process? Say, the bi-annual negotiation of the WFSE GG CBA, for example?

Best,

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Subject: RE: Request for public records

RE: PRR-219

Good afternoon, Mr. Nelsen,

We received your request, copied below, for records related to the recent AWAAG bargaining. Under the Public Records Act, chapter 42.56 RCW, I reply on behalf of the agency.

The tentative agreement is now available online, here:

https://ofm.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/labor/agreements/19-21/AWAAG_TA.pdf

You also asked for the schedule of bargaining sessions that led to the agreement. After talking with staff, I can tell you there was no official schedule of the bargaining, and there is no record that shows the times of all the bargaining sessions. According to staff, State HR staff spent the week of September 16 in preparation for bargaining. The bargaining itself was conducted intensively throughout the week of September 23.

There may be records that show some scheduling of some particular sessions, such as individual emails or calendar appointments. It is not clear whether these would provide a complete picture – most likely not. But please just let me know if you want us to provide such records, or if there is something else you are looking for that might satisfy your request.

Thank you,

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Subject: Request for public records

OFM Staff,

In accordance with Chapter 42.56 RCW, I'd like to submit the following request for public records on behalf of the Freedom Foundation. Specifically, I am seeking:

1. A copy of the tentative collective bargaining agreement negotiated by the State with the Association of Washington Assistant Attorneys General/Washington Federation of State Employees (AWAAG).
2. The schedule of contract negotiation sessions between the State and AWAAG.

It is my preference to receive responsive records electronically. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions about the nature of my request.

Best,

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