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February 14, 2014

Sent via email:

Dear

Re: Request for Access to Records Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

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I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Advanced Education. Your request is for:

A copy of any records regarding the proposed Quality Assurance Framework. Timeframe is August 1, 2013 to September 30, 2013.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Please note that some information has been removed under section s3.1.j of FOIPPA. The Ministry has advised that all e-mails sent from <u>tno@gov.bc.ca</u> are purged from the server after 30 days and therefore the records you seek would only be available by data retrieval from a government back-up server at a significant cost. The public body's obligation to create a record from machine readable records does not extend to electronic mail that has been deleted and exists only in back-up format (OIPC Order 73-1995). Further, only a small portion of TNO records fall under FOIPPA, including transcripts of media scrums and speeches prepared by government employees. The majority of TNO records consist of a variety of media formats which are available for purchase by the public through various media outlets, and therefore are not within the scope of the Act, see Section 3(1)(j).

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Website: http://www.gov.bc.ca/citz/iao/ Telephone: 250-387-1321 Fax: 250-387-9843

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Some information in the records is also marked as 'not responsive' as it does not respond to the wording and/or the date range of your request. Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <u>http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page</u>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Scott Carroll, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-4383. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-387-4383.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

Maxine Vanzetta

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager Health / Education Team Information Access Operations

Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt 4th Floor, 947 Fort Street Victoria BC V8W 9A4 Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

- 1. A copy of your original request;
- 2. A copy of our response; and
- 3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.