



ARCS: 292-30
File: JAG-2013-02092

January 8, 2014

Sent via email:

Dear :

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

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General.
Your request is for:

All policies related to the treatment of transgender and/or transsexual people in BC prisons; Description of all training programs for corrections staff related to the treatment of transgender and/or transsexual people in BC prisons; Any records of the number of transgender and/or transsexual people in BC prisons; Any records of the number of transgender and/or transsexual people in BC prisons who have undergone sexual reassignment surgery in BC prisons. Date range is January 1, 1970 to December 1, 2013.

Please find enclosed four pages from the Standard Operating Procedures that respond to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. The Ministry has informed me that it does not keep statistics on the number of transgender and/or transsexual people or the number of transgender and/or transsexual people who have undergone sexual reassignment surgery in BC correctional facilities. New Correctional Officers in BC receive Multicultural and Diversity training as well as Professional Ethics and Standards of Conduct training through the Justice Institute of BC (JIBC).

Your file is now closed.

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

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Adrian Chalifour, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-1919. 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 250-387-1919.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hudson", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Vicki Hudson, Manager
Justice / Social Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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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.