

ARCS: 292- 30 File: MIT-2013-00074

March 10, 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 International Trade (Asia Pacific Strategy and Multiculturalism). Your request is for:

A record listing any individuals who accompanied the Premier on her November 2013 trade mission and a record listing any and all individuals, companies, corporate representatives or others invited to participate in the mission, and indicating those that accepted and declined; A copy of the invitations that went out for the mission; A summary of all expenses/taxpayer costs planned or anticipated by the BC government to pay for government and/or non-government participants.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 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

The Ministry released an Info Bulletin on February 7, 2014 with a summary of costs for the 2013 Trade Mission. To access this bulletin please visit: http://www.gov.bc.ca/mit/down/IB_Asia_Trade_Mission_Summary_Feb_7_2014.pdf'

Your file is now closed.

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Fax: 250-387-9843

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: http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at 250-356-0386. 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 250-356-0386.

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,

Deborah Flin, Information Access Analyst

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Enclosure

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.