



ARCS: 292-30
File: TRA-2012-00086

May 4, 2012

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 Transportation and Infrastructure. Your request is for:

From August 31, 2011 to March 23, 2012: Records revealing how many violation tickets and/or administrative penalties have been issued by either the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement Branch or the Vancouver Police Department to taxi companies not domiciled in the City of Vancouver for pick-up of passengers in the City of Vancouver, in violation of the terms of the operating licenses issued to such companies by the BC Passenger Transportation Branch;

From March 1, 2011 to March 16, 2012: Records revealing the specifics of all inquiries including the specific questions asked and the specific responses received, made by the Passenger Transportation Branch or the BC Passenger Transportation Board to the home municipalities where [specified] taxi companies are licensed to operate regarding whether the redeployment from their respective municipalities, of up to 15% of the taxis licensed to pick up passengers in their respective municipalities, to the downtown entertainment district of Vancouver between 10:00pm and 5:00am each Friday and Saturday evening would result in a reduction or loss of taxi service in their respective municipalities.

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Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) of FOIPPA. A copy of this section of FOIPPA is provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

Please note we understand that the Passenger Transportation Board responded on May 1, 2012 to the portion of this request regarding suburban taxi companies in Greater Vancouver (not domiciled in the City of Vancouver for pick-up of passengers in the City of Vancouver). Your file is now closed.

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 Marion Ashton, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-952-0898. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-7867, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-952-0898.

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,



For: Russ Fuller, Manager
Business and Infrastructure 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.