



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2014-00017

April 7, 2014

Sent by mail:

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 Health. Your request as revised on January 27, 2014, is for:

- **Any analyses (final drafts only) that the ministry might have conducted concerning the health, economic and/or other types of impacts of applying or cancelling the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) or provincial retail sales tax to restaurant meals – excluding publicly available information.**
Time frame: January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2013.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 13 (Policy advice or recommendations) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Please note some information in the records is marked '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 B.C. 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>

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Hema Paupiah, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-1805. This number can be reached toll-free by calling 604 660-7867 from Vancouver or 1 800 663-7867 from elsewhere in B.C. and asking to be transferred to 250 387-1805.

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 'M. Vanzetta', followed by a horizontal line.

On behalf of:
Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p style="text-align: center;">How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>

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
P.O. 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.