



ARCS: 292-30
File: HSE-2011-00011

July 29, 2011

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 Health and further to our response letter sent to you on July 20, 2011. You requested

All written communications (drafts, reports, e-mails, letters) between, or addressed to, the executives of the Ministry of Health Services (directors, deputy ministers) between May 1, 2008 and June 31, 2008, related to the pharmaceutical task force report published in May 2008.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 13 (Policy advice or recommendations) and 14 (Legal advice) of FOIPPA. In addition, we have also removed some information that was out of the scope of the wording of your request. Copies of these sections of FOIPPA are 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

Your file is now closed.

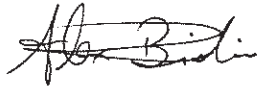
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As part of the BC Government's new Open Information initiative, this response and the enclosed records will be published on the Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after 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 Dwayne McCowan, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-1885. 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 250-356-1885.

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 'Alex Bjelica', with a stylized, cursive script.

Alex Bjelica, Manager
Health / Education 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.

Policy advice or recommendations

13 (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice or recommendations developed by or for a public body or a minister.

(2) The head of a public body must not refuse to disclose under subsection (1)

- (a) any factual material,
- (b) a public opinion poll,
- (c) a statistical survey,
- (d) an appraisal,
- (e) an economic forecast,
- (f) an environmental impact statement or similar information,
- (g) a final report or final audit on the performance or efficiency of a public body or on any of its programs or policies,
- (h) a consumer test report or a report of a test carried out on a product to test equipment of the public body,
- (i) a feasibility or technical study, including a cost estimate, relating to a policy or project of the public body,
- (j) a report on the results of field research undertaken before a policy proposal is formulated,
- (k) a report of a task force, committee, council or similar body that has been established to consider any matter and make reports or recommendations to a public body,
- (l) a plan or proposal to establish a new program or to change a program, if the plan or proposal has been approved or rejected by the head of the public body,
- (m) information that the head of the public body has cited publicly as the basis for making a decision or formulating a policy, or

(n) a decision, including reasons, that is made in the exercise of a discretionary power or an adjudicative function and that affects the rights of the applicant.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to information in a record that has been in existence for 10 or more years.

Legal advice

14 The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that is subject to solicitor client privilege.