



ARCS: 292-30  
File: FIN-2011-00207

January 12, 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 Finance. Your request is for:

*All reports generated by Campaign Research's 2010 HST contract with the BC Government to develop and implement town halls by telephone and other means as part of the governments campaign in support of the HST during the referendum process; including statistical reports, observational reports, reports of dial outs, pick-up, voice mails left, messages provided by participants, surveys conducted as part of the town halls, voter ID reports including voter ID reports identifying supporters and opponents, and market research follow up as well as any other reports generated by this project, including reports both provided to government and reports retained by Campaign Research or any other recipient of reports related to the HST contract such as the BC Liberal Party; Any other documents relating to the Campaign Research role in the campaign including its contract, invoices, meeting notes, phone messages left by Campaign Research, debriefs, survey instruments and scripts and speech notes as well as any other materials used in the town hall or telephone town hall process or generated by those processes.*

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 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](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

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For your reference the website HSTinBC.ca has additional information regarding the HST, including a report at [http://www.hstinbc.ca/media/HSTIO\\_REPORT\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.hstinbc.ca/media/HSTIO_REPORT_FINAL.pdf).

In addition, a request for similar information has been recently posted on the Government's Open Information website. The records which were deemed responsive for the FIN-2011-00156 would also be applicable to your request. However, as these records are now publically available, they will not be included as part of this request, as per s. 3 of the Act. The responsive records for FIN-2011-00156 can be located at:

[http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/search/search\\_results.page?recorduid=3049083&title=FOI%20Request%20-%20FIN-2011-00156](http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/search/search_results.page?recorduid=3049083&title=FOI%20Request%20-%20FIN-2011-00156)

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 Cheryl FitzSimons, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-6097. 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 250-387-6097.

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.