



ARCS: 292-30
File: FIN-2011-00210

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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:

"Any records which show which edition of GenTax was being used to administer the PST in April 2009 and any records which discuss whether to update GenTax beyond Version 3 or why GenTax was not updated beyond Version 3."

In response to your above request for information, the Ministry has advised of the following:

GenTax Version 7 was available in April 2009. The Ministry, on an annual basis, conducts a planning process to determine what resources will be applied to which critical priorities. Senior leaders representing the key business areas in the Ministry (evaluation committee) evaluate and score funding requests for initiatives based on a set of criteria that reflect Ministry goals and objectives. The Ministry examined the TACS upgrade from GenTax Version 3 to Version 7 during the 2008/2009 planning cycle. The evaluation committee determined that the project would require additional capital funding in order to proceed. The government at the time did not have sufficient funds available to support the project, and it was deferred to a later period.

Your file is now closed.

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Kristin Hodgins, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-952-7944. 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 250-952-7944.

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,



Russ Fuller, Manager
Business and Infrastructure Team
Information Access Operations

for:

Enclosure

<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.

