

Peck, Dan N FIN:EX

From: Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Sent: January-10-14 1:04 PM
To: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Cc: Newton, Stuart A FIN:EX
Subject: Re: general questions at top, followed by several specific questions on 4 investigations

Thank you.

Dan

From: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 12:56 PM
To: Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Cc: Newton, Stuart A FIN:EX
Subject: RE: general questions at top, followed by several specific questions on 4 investigations

Thanks Dan.

The information the reporter is asking for was severed from the reports under various sections of the FOIA.

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Glen

From: Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Sent: January-10-14 12:38 PM
To: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Cc: Newton, Stuart A FIN:EX
Subject: FW: general questions at top, followed by several specific questions on 4 investigations

Hi Glen,

Just letting you know Sam forwarded to me. I am heading s22

I am monitoring emails and will respond if matter is urgent.

I noted the request for an interview.

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From: Cooper, Sam (The Province) [mailto:scooper@theprovince.com]
Sent: January-10-14 12:17 PM
To: Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Subject: FW: general questions at top, followed by several specific questions on 4 investigations

From: Cooper, Sam (The Province)
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 11:31 AM
To: 'glen.plummer@gov.bc.ca'
Subject: general questions at top, followed by several specific questions on 4 investigations

Hi Glen, I am in the office tomorrow, but would like a response today.

1. REGARDING THESE 9 INVESTIGATIONS, WHAT IS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY DEFRAUDED FROM THE GOVERNMENT, AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED SO FAR?
2. HAVE ANY OF THESE CASES RESULTED IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, OR EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE, OR PULLING OF LICENSES OF SERVICE PROVIDERS?

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS, I WOULD LIKE AN INTERVIEW WITH DAN PECK, JUST FOR BACKGROUND ON THE WORK OF THE INVESTIGATION UNIT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE AUDITS, in the PDF

[1] July 22/13 – One employee defrauded Blue Cross. HOW MUCH MONEY WAS LOST IN TOTAL?

[3] July 30/13 – VIHA and Child Care Operating Fund. RCMP was called in. Government had “substantial loss.” Did a court action;

How much money was the government defrauded in this case? Is the service provider delicensed, and have they faced any criminal prosecution? Who is the service provider and the government employee? Was the government employee believed to have/or proven to have benefited financially from this fraud, and was a scheme between the two parties alleged/proven?

How can parents be sure this type of fraudulent business in child care isn't continuing?

[6] Aug.9/13 – Aboriginal Services Office

HOW MUCH MONEY WAS MISUSED, ARE THE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THOSE CONNECTED TO DRAWING SERVICES STILL IN BUSINESS AND WHY, AND IS THIS ONE OF THE CASES THAT MARY ELLEN TURPEL LAFOND CITED IN HER NOVEMBER REPORT ON SIMILAR ISSUES? WHO ARE THE PEOPLE IMPLICATED IN THIS INVESTIGATION?

** [10] Aug.14/13 – Pacific Blue Cross – false medical claims. Pg.31

“In 2009, the Canadian Health Care Anti-Fraud Association alerted PBC of two tips that it had received through its whistleblower hotline that two vendors were involved in a false billing scheme.” PBC hired a private detective. Government employees were reimbursed for services that were never provided.

1. HOW MUCH DID FALSE CLAIMS IN BOTH SCHEMES THAT WERE DISCOVERED, TOTAL?

2. GIVE US MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE SCHEME INVOLVING THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, SO THAT THE PUBLIC CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT OCCURRED HERE. DID THE EMPLOYEES APPROACH THESE VENDORS AND INVOICE THE GOVERNMENT FOR PRODUCTS AND SERVICES NEVER PROVIDED, AND KICK BACK SOME OF THE MONEY REIMBURSED TO THE VENDORS?
3. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KNOW WHO THESE VENDORS ARE, WHO ARE THEY?
4. WHO ARE THE EMPLOYEES? IT IS SUGGESTED SOME MONEY WAS PAID BACK, HOW MUCH, AND HOW MUCH IS STILL OWING? HAVE THE EMPLOYEES FACED ANY DISCIPLINE, AND WHAT ABOUT THE VENDORS, DO THEY STILL DO BUSINESS WITH THE GOVERNMENT, WAS RCMP INFORMED.

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From: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Sent: January-10-14 1:27 PM
To: Newton, Stuart A FIN:EX; Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Subject: FIN Media Req: Sam Cooper - The Province - internal audit reports - 10 Jan 14

Importance: High

Okay to respond as outlined?

Reporter / Outlet / Contact: Sam Cooper – The Province, scooper@theprovince.com

Deadline: 4 p.m. today, Friday, Jan. 10

Request: reporter has received an FOI package (FIN 2013-0300) containing the full texts of all reports issued by the Internal Audit and Advisory Services unit and the Special Investigations unit, from July 2, 2013 to October 18, 2013. The redline contains 43 pages of audit investigations at several ministries.

The information the reporter is requesting in relation to the reports was either severed under S.15 (harm to law enforcement), s.16 (harm to intergovernmental relations), or S.22 (harm to personal privacy). Other questions the reporter asks relate specifically to the severed information.

Reporter has requested a background interview with Dan Peck, Director, Investigation and Forensic, Office of the Comptroller General

Recommendation / Response: decline.

- Mr. Peck is not available for an interview.
- The information you are requesting was severed from these reports under S.15 (harm to law enforcement), s.16 (harm to intergovernmental relations), or S.22 (harm to personal privacy) of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act. Under the FOIPP Act, we are not permitted to disclose this information

Date & Time of Inquiry: 11:52 AM, Jan. 10, 14

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Peck, Dan N FIN:EX

From: Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Sent: January-13-14 12:22 PM
To: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Cc: Newton, Stuart A FIN:EX
Subject: Re: For review - draft issues note - OCG internal investigations - 13 Jan 14

Hi Glen.

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From: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 12:46 PM
To: Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Cc: Newton, Stuart A FIN:EX
Subject: RE: For review - draft issues note - OCG internal investigations - 13 Jan 14

Hi Dan,

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Thanks again,

Glen

From: Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Sent: January-13-14 11:25 AM
To: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Cc: Newton, Stuart A FIN:EX
Subject: Re: For review - draft issues note - OCG internal investigations - 13 Jan 14

Glen,

s22 but did review your attachment.

While I don't have the files to support all details in your draft issues note, I can reasonably rely on memory as I was responsible for preparing all of the final reports included in your submission.

As such, you did a good job of summarizing my materials.

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Thanks for giving me opportunity to review and comment. Again, I think you did a good job.

Regards,

Dan Peck

From: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 11:21 AM
To: Newton, Stuart A FIN:EX; Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Subject: For review - draft issues note - OCG internal investigations - 13 Jan 14

Hi Stuart and Dan,

Could you please review the attached draft issues note as soon as possible and let me know if you have any edits?

Thanks,

Glen

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Pages 8 through 10 redacted for the following reasons:

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Peck, Dan N FIN:EX

From: Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Sent: January-13-14 7:25 PM
To: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Subject: Re: FIN Media Req: s22 - CTV News - Internal Audit reports - 13 Jan 14

Glen

I note Stuart has approved as written.

I will add no further comment on this matter.

Regards,

Dan

From: Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 02:01 PM
To: Newton, Stuart A FIN:EX; Peck, Dan N FIN:EX
Cc: Bulmer, James G FIN:EX; Fischer, Carl M FIN:EX
Subject: FIN Media Req: s22 - CTV News - Internal Audit reports - 13 Jan 14

Hi Stuart and Dan,

Okay to provide response as outlined?

Reporter / Outlet / Contact: s22 - CTV, s22

Deadline: 1:30 p.m. today, Jan. 13

Request: reporter would like statement from government in response to the story in today's Province about investigations conducted by the investigations unit of the Office of the Comptroller General.

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