

Request Number:

292-45/OOP-2013-00201/202

S.12 Consultation

1. FOI - Review of Harms/Issues/Recommendations provided by Ministry

Requester type: Media

Wording of Requests:

"Contracts between the Province of BC and the Times of India Group, Bennett, Coleman & Co. Ltd., their subsidiaries, agents or representatives for the Times of India Film Awards, April 4-6, 2013; The business case, funding proposal, evaluation and approval of Province of BC funding for the Times of India Film Awards."

Location of records: Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (Labour) (JTST)
Ministry of Finance (FIN)

Comments/Background:

- JTST and FIN have received the above noted request and each provided the first 180 pages for section 12 review. FIN also provided an additional 9 pages (181-189).
- The records consist of Treasury Board submissions, a TB approval letter, a draft and final contract (with draft Document of Understanding records), a Treasury Board Staff (TBS) Financial Impact Assessment and a TBS Briefing Note.
- Discussion regarding the Times of India Film Awards was publically announced January 22, 2013 and is no longer before Treasury Board.
- Information considered to form the substance of Cabinet deliberations must be withheld pursuant section 12(Cabinet confidences) of the Act. However, once a decision has been implemented or made public, information in a record the purpose of which is to present background explanations or analysis to the Executive Council or any of its committees is no longer covered by Section 12(1) of the Act.
- We recommend that JTST/FIN be advised to withhold the pages copied onto pink paper in full, and the information outlined in red on white pages, pursuant to section 12(1) of the Act.

Recommendations:

Advise JTST/FIN to withhold the information as indicated above pursuant to section 12 of the Act.

Advisor, S.12:
Ken Bejcek

Signature:

Ken Bejcek

Date:
March 18, 2013

2. FOI and Ministry Executive - Approval to Release Package to applicant

FOI Approval Authority: Peter Milburn, Deputy Minister of Finance and Secretary to Treasury Board	Signature:	Date:
FOI Approval Authority: John Dyble, Deputy Minister to the Premier And Cabinet Secretary and Head of the BC Public Service	Signature:	Date: