



ARCS: 292-30
File: AGR-2011-00033

September 26, 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 Agriculture. You narrowed your request on August 26, 2011 through conversation and/or email with Neva Borg. Your request is for:

A copy of the Technology and Transformation Plan for each Ministry for this year.

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) of FOIPPA. A copy of this section of FOIPPA is 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.

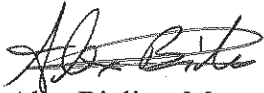
These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after it has been released by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Krisna Phosy, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-5847. 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 250-356-5847.

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', written in a cursive style.

Alex Bjelica, Manager
Resource 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.

Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body

17(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to harm the financial or economic interests of a public body or the government of British Columbia or the ability of that government to manage the economy, including the following information:

- (a) trade secrets of a public body or the government of British Columbia;*
- (b) financial, commercial, scientific or technical information that belongs to a public body or to the government of British Columbia and that has, or is reasonably likely to have, monetary value;*
- (c) plans that relate to the management of personnel of or the administration of a public body and that have not yet been implemented or made public;*
- (d) information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in the premature disclosure of a proposal or project or in undue financial loss or gain to a third party;*
- (e) information about negotiations carried on by or for a public body or the government of British Columbia;*
- (f) information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to harm the negotiating position of a public body or the government of British Columbia.*

(2) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose under subsection (1) research information if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to deprive the researcher of priority of publication.

(3) The head of a public body must not refuse to disclose under subsection (1) the results of product or environmental testing carried out by or for that public body, unless the testing was done

- (a) for a fee as a service to a person, a group of persons or an organization other than the public body, or*
- (b) for the purpose of developing methods of testing.*