



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2011-00059

October 4, 2011

Via Email:

Dear :

Re: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act - Request for Access to Records

The **Ministry of Health** received your request for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) on July 6, 2011. We understand your request to be for:

Copies of complaints about taxpayer money being used to support rewards programs such as loyalty points or coupons that can be redeemed for a free gift, a free vacation or an in-store purchase discount; Internal correspondence in which the decision was made to ban these type of programs on PharmaCare-paid prescriptions is discussed.

The time frame of your request was subsequently narrowed to records pertaining to the last 18 months.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. As agreed via telephone on September 23, 2011 portions have been removed as "Not Responsive" to the wording of the request. Your file is now closed.

As part of the BC Government's new Open Information initiative, this response and the enclosed records will be published on the 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 Dwayne McCowan, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-1885. 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 250-356-1885.

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 cursive script that reads "Maxine Vanzetta".

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education 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.