

ARCS: 292-30
File: FIN-2011-00108

October 5, 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 Finance. Your request is for:

All expense records and taxpayer costs related to the May 19, 2011 meetings between Premier and Washington State Governor Gregoire; all EXPENSE records related to anyone accompanying the Premier; any EXPENSE records for any associated meetings between representatives of Washington State and BC. Time-frame is May 1 to July 5, 2011.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. Copies of these sections of FOIPPA are 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

Please note some information in the records is marked 'not responsive' as it does not respond to the wording and/or the date range of your request. Your file is now closed.

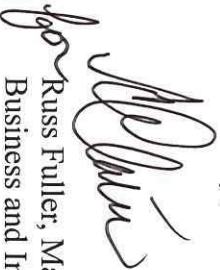
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As part of the BC Government's new Open Information initiative, this response and the enclosed records will be published on the Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after it is released electronically or a minimum of five business days after 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 Mark Kewley, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-953-3622. 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 250-953-3622.

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

Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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.