

ARCS: 292-30 File: AGT-2011-00164

October 21, 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 Attorney General. Your request is for:

All memos, briefing notes and reports prepared for the Attorney General related to the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry including but not limited to any documents that assess the financial costs of funding participants at the inquiry as recommended by Commissioner Wally Oppal since May 1, 2011.

Please find enclosed phase one of your request. Additional records are being processed and will follow under separate cover. Some information has been withheld in the enclosed records pursuant to section 14 (Legal advice) of FOIPPA and section 26 of the Public Inquiry Act. Copies of these sections are provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA and the Public Inquiry Act are available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00 http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/00_07009_01

Please also note that some information in the records is not responsive to your request. This information has been removed as "Not responsive."

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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

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Rob Gordon, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-7869. 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 contact number.

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,

Vicki Hudson, Manager Justice / Social 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.

Application of Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

- 26 (1) The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, other than section 44 (1) (b), (2), (2.1) and (3) [powers of commissioner in conducting investigations, audits or inquiries], does not apply to any of the following in respect of a hearing commission:
 - (a) a personal note, communication or draft report of a commissioner or of a person acting on behalf of or under the direction of a commissioner;
 - (b) any information received by the commission to which section 15 [power to prohibit or limit attendance or access] or 29 [disclosure by Crown] of this Act applies;
 - (c) a transcription or recording of a hearing;
 - (d) information to which public access is provided by the commission.
 - (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to personal information, as defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, that has been in existence for 100 or more years or to other information that has been in existence for 50 or more years.

Legal advice

14 The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that is subject to solicitor client privilege.