



ARCS: 292-30
File: FIN-2011-00176

November 17, 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:

Records related to the October, 2011 tour of continental Europe and London that was led by the Finance Minister, specifically: All expense records and taxpayer costs; The Minister's calendar for the trip, including his itinerary and a list of people he met with; A list of who went on the trip with the Minister, their itineraries, and expenses and taxpayer costs related to them; The presentation material that was used to brief investors on BC as a safe harbour for investment encourage participation in major capital projects and private sector opportunities that will drive job creation in the decade ahead, as per BC Ministry of Finance News Release, October 6, 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 (harm to security of a person), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party) 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

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Please be advised that, at the time of your request, some applicable expenses had not yet been submitted for processing. You may wish to re-submit the expense portion of your request at a later date. 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>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Uta Dunz, the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 356-2484. 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) 356-2484.

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,



for 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
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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.