



ARCS: 292-30
File: CFD-2012-01673

January 16, 2013

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 Children and Family Development (MCFD). Your request is for:

- 1) The number of MCFD staff who have been on travel status for more than a year;*
- 2) An update on the progress to date of the net hiring relating to the \$12 million action plan announced on July 19, 2012, in which the ministry stated that it is actively recruiting up to 150 new auxiliary staff positions*
- 3) and a listing by classification and geographic location of the positions filled under the initiative.*

The Ministry wished to advise you that portions one and two of your request asks for information rather than records and are addressed below.

Regarding part one of your request, the Ministry advises that per government's Core Policy and Procedures Manual (see link) http://www.fin.gov.bc.ca/ocg/fmb/manuals/CPM/10_Travel.htm), "travel status" means travelling more than 32 kilometres from an employee's usual work place or normal point of assembly, but does not include staff who are temporarily re-assigned or on filed status or on board and lodging status. The Ministry further advises that while some of their social workers log a high number of kilometres over a year, their travel is not every single day and, as such, it does not have any staff that have been on travel status for a year or more.

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Regarding part two of your request the Ministry advises that as of November 19, 2012, 105 new staff members have been hired to assist frontline social workers with training coverage and ICM documentation. The hiring process is ongoing.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to part three of your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. 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 April Haussmann, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-1919. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-387-1919.

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 "Hudson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Vicki Hudson, Manager
Justice / Social 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.