

ARCS: 292- 30 File: CTZ-2013-00098 FIN-2013-00133

OOP-2013-00342

September 11, 2013

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 Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services, Ministry of Finance, and the Office of the Premier. Your request is for:

The requisition/order forms and invoice/payment information for conference calls on January 11, 2012 from approximately 11:30 am to 12:30 pm; February 13, 2012 from approximately 11 am to 11:30 am; March 12, 2012 from approximately 11:30 am to noon involving members of the Office of the Premier and their guests. Date range is January 4, 2012 to March 20, 2012.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records that the Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services located in response to your request. Please note that the records provided list all conference calls billed under the Office of the Premier (OOP), made within the vicinity of the time and date ranges specified, though no calls were identified for the February 13th time period.

We received explanation from the program area stating that the Premier's Office billing number is not exclusively attached to OOP staff alone, and encompasses other Government staff, including the Offices of each Minister. This would indicate that even though the calls listed in the attached records are billed under the Premier's Office number, it does not necessarily signify that an OOP staff member participated in the call. As we cannot identify some of the numbers involved in these conference calls, we cannot be certain that OOP staff did not participate, and therefore these records have been provided to you.

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Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 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. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\_00

Although a thorough search was conducted, no records were located in response to your requests with the Ministry of Finance (FIN-2013-00133) and the Office of the Premier (OOP-2013-00342). Your files are 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 Mark Sime, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-8343. 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 250-356-8343.

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,

Cindy Elbahir, Manager Central Agency 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.