

ARCS: 292-30 File: MSD-2013-00748

September 4, 2014

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 Social Development and Social Innovation. On November 25, 2013, you narrowed the date range of your request. Your request is for:

Communications between the Community Social Services Employers Association and Government regarding collective bargaining, the collective agreement, and the Cooperative Gains Mandate; All bargaining proposals and packages shared between the Community Social Services Employers Association and Government; All Bargaining Plan, bargaining proposals, bargaining counter-proposals, and communications regarding collective bargaining between the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Children and Family Development and other Government sectors regarding the collective agreement in community social services; Communications between the Public Sector Employers Council Secretariat, Community Social Services Employers Association, Ministry of Finance and other sectors of Government, including but not limited to costing forecasts, savings plans, and collective bargaining in community social services; All communications between the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Child and Family Development and all other relevant government sectors, and the Community Social Services Employers Association regarding regional ratification information meetings with employers; All communications between government and the Community Social Services Employers Association regarding bargaining updates and communications to employers; All communications and information regarding Public Sector Employers Council and/or Ministry of Finance certification or approval of bargaining packages or proposals in community social services collective bargaining. Date range is February 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013.

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Telephone: 250-387-1321 Fax: 250-387-9843 Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations), and 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

On August 20, 2013, fees of \$510.00 were assessed to process your request, and on September 16, 2013, the fee deposit of \$255.00 was received. Due to the length of time to process your request, the balance of the fees has been waived.

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release 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 Darlene Kotchonoski, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-1318. 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 250-356-1318.

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.