



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2013-00246

November 13, 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 Health. Your request as revised on September 10, 2013, is for:

- **Correspondence, documents, briefing notes pertaining to overall interpretation, implementation and enforcement of PharmaCare audit policies and procedures. (Emails to be for specifically these subject matters) The documents should include any that were used as the basis upon which the Ministry made decisions about PharmaCare audit policies and procedures implementation and enforcement;**
- **Information that documents the rationale for the hiring of additional PharmaCare audit staff in 2013; and**
- **Projected revenues from PharmaCare audits for the 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 fiscal years. (Statistical information only). The information should include any documentation related to audit recovery targets that may have been set during the two fiscal years.**

Time frame of request is January 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013

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), 15(Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) and 17(Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) of FOIPPA.

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A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

The ministry has informed that there were no records for the portion of the request regarding projected revenues. This is because the PharmaCare Audit Branch does not project revenues. However, PharmaCare audit policies are publicly available on the ministry's website at the following links:

- <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/pdf/10audit.pdf>
- <http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/newsletter/>

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the B.C. 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 Hema Paupiah, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-1805. This number can be reached toll-free by calling 604 660-7867, from Vancouver, or 1 800 663-7867, from elsewhere in B.C., and asking to be transferred to 250 387-1805.

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,



On behalf of:
Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p style="text-align: center;">How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>

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.