



ARCS: 292- 30
File: JAG-2012-02244

January 29, 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 Justice and Attorney General.
Your request is for:

Any and all contracts including service agreements or service contracts that have been directly awarded by the ministry, including records of the ministry's rationale for direct awarding. Alternately, a summary document which contains the name of the contractor, dollar amount of the contract, short description of services provided, and the ministry's rationale for direct awarding. Time frame is September 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 3 (Outside the scope of the Act) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

Pursuant to s.6 (2)(b) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, because the Ministry's contract tracking system does not provide a description of the contract or justification for the direct award, it is an unreasonable interference of the operations of the public body to provide this information. Please note some information in the records is marked 'not responsive' as it does not respond to the wording of your request. Your file is now closed.

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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 Donna Wilkinson, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-0831. 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 250 387-0831.

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.