



ARCS: 292- 30
File: JAG-2013-01726

November 22, 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 policies, procedures, training manuals and/or guidelines about ion scanners used within all BC Pretrial Centres and all BC Prisons including: Training for Correctional Officers on how to use them; How they are calibrated; How often they are calibrated; How to maintain them and how often each prison does maintain them; How to respond to false positives; Why a false positive would occur. The date range is January 1, 2013 to October 1, 2013.

Please find enclosed a copy of the record located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

Section 3(1)(j) of FOIPPA states that the Act does not apply to records that are available for purchase by the public. The IONSCAN 400B Operators Manual, Teachers Guide and Basic Operators Course Lesson Plan have been removed as they are available for purchase at the following websites:

<http://www.gobookee.org/>

<http://edoqs.com/>

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In addition, the Ministry has provided the following information in response to your request:

Suppliers, manufacturer:

The IONSCAN 400B model ion scanner, utilized by BC Corrections, are supplied and manufactured by Smiths Detection.

Training for Correctional Officers on how to use them:

Corrections staff are trained in accordance with policy and lesson plans developed from the manufacture's operator manual and teacher's guide.

How/when they are calibrated and maintenance:

As per the section 1.18.4 (7) of the Adult Custody Policy Manual "the manufacturer provides warm-up and verification procedures to ensure accurate functioning of the scanning device. These procedures include daily and weekly maintenance and verification requirements of the scanner".

The IONSCAN 400B features an auto calibration procedure which automatically applies corrections for minor changes in IONSCAN parameters.

It is noted that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) and Smiths Detection have indicated that under new regulations, prior licenses that have Ni-63 (Nickel 63) with less than 1000 MBq are no longer required to have testing completed at regular intervals. As such, the IONSCAN 400B model no longer meets the annual inspection requirements of the CNSC.

Information regarding false positives:

There is no information record regarding false positives.

Standing Operating Procedures:

There are no "standing" operating procedures associated with the IONSCAN 400B. Each Centre develops their own "Standard" Operating Procedures consistent with expectations specified in policy, legislation, and training.

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 Samara Fisher, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-0824. 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 250-387-0824.

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 be 'D. Wilkinson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donna Wilkinson for:
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.