



ARCS: 292-30  
File: JAG-2013-01822

November 27, 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 Justice and Attorney General.  
Your request is for:

*Relating to the NFPC Ion Scanner: The manufacturers name, manufacturing documents or studies stating the accuracy of the Ion scanner methods, the 2013 Ion scanner and system maintenance reports including calibration reports; The type, make and overall costs of the NFPC Ion scanner currently used by BC Provincial Corrections.*

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 is available for purchase at the following websites:

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

<http://edoqs.com/>

The IONSCAN 400B features an automatic calibration procedure which by design 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 licences that have <sup>63</sup>Ni with less than 1000 mBq (millibecquerel) are no longer required. As such, the IONSCAN 400B model no longer has annual inspection requirements of the CNSC. Although the ION scanners are maintained and calibrated, there is no record keeping process and there are no calibration or maintenance reports. The cost of the IONSCAN 400B is \$44,310.

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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 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 extending from 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.