



ARCS: 292-30
File: OOP-2014-00469

December 12, 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 Office of the Premier. Your request is for:

Regarding a study by Ernst and Young commissioned by the provincial government regarding public sector compensation: Any communications between Ernst and Young and the provincial government subsequent to the signing of the contract for the production of this study relating to questions from the contractor, directions from the government or other matters relating to the project; The Ernst and Young document states The Review was conducted through analysis of available data, interviews with key stakeholders and through consideration of publicly available literature which in some cases was assumed to directly or indirectly represent the opinions of taxpayers; Any documentation as to how stakeholder were chosen to be interviewed including information internal to government, information provided by Ernst and Young, or communications between the two partners; Documentation sufficient to identify any other stakeholders who might have provided information but not been interviewed; Copies of communications between the provincial government and any stakeholder to this project, as well as the Fraser Institute, the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation and the Independent Contractors and Business Association of BC since the study commenced relation to compensation in the local government sector; Sufficient documents to identify referenced subject matter advisors.

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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), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

Your file is now closed.

Please also be advised that the information you seek regarding the identities of subject matter advisors can be found under appendix A of the now public report, and can be found at:

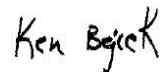
<http://www.empr.gov.bc.ca/Pages/CoreReviewMEM.aspx>

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 Matthew Prodan, the analyst assigned to your request, at (250) 387-3411. 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) 387-3411.

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,



For:
Cindy Elbahir, Manager
Central Agency 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.