



ARCS: 292-30  
File: JAG-2012-02374

February 5, 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 FRCC: All inmate benefit fund expenditures in 2012 including what moneys were spent on and the reason and individual who made decisions to spend the money; Where funds from the recycled pop bottles go including why and the individual in charge of those funds; The entire mail rules and regulations including the individual in charge of these rules and regulations; The individual in charge of ordering the 2012 X-Mas hampers, the cost to the jail individually and the name of the individual in charge of items included in the 2012 hamper.”***

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. Attached is a copy of the Inmate Benefit Fund (IBF) expenditures for the past two fiscal years. The information provided is for 2 fiscal years, April 2010 to March 2012 in order to cover all of 2012. Your file is now closed.

In response to the questions raised, Corrections advised:

- The funds from the recycled pop bottle are deposited into the inmate benefit fund (IBF), and this has been a long standing procedure. Expenditure decisions are made by the Warden, the Deputy Warden and the Director of Business and Finance along with Tier representatives input.
- Expenditures are made for items that benefit inmates such as TVs, Cable, tournament prizes, gym equipment, microwaves, news papers, etc.

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- As for the rules/regulations specific to Mail, please see the attached section of the FRCC “Standard Operating Procedures”. Additionally, the attached letter is forwarded to the sender when mail is deemed unacceptable for safety/security reasons. The Deputy Warden has the final decision regarding whether outside correspondence will be accepted by the correctional centre. This letter includes a list of items which function as guidelines in determining whether a letter and its contents are acceptable.
- Regarding the hampers, there are no costs to the Corrections Branch, the amount each inmate pays for the hampers covers the costs and any surplus remains in the IBF; Programs & Tier representatives decide what goes in them. Program staff create the hampers in consultation with Cooper’s Food who give deals on items to best bolster the quantity of the hamper.

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 Alan Hughes, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-9639. 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 250 356-9639.

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.