



ARCS: 292-30
File: JAG-2013-00004

February 18, 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:

What were the budget cuts made to BC Corrections as a whole and the cuts made to all the individual BC jails, who made those budget cuts and why, include which areas were affected by the cuts in 2012 and the names and mailing addresses for all those responsible for the cuts; For each provincial jail, a list of TV subscriptions including cost, number of channels, names of all stations provided as well as how many TVs have access to these services.

With respect to the first portion of your request, no records were located. The Ministry does identify a BC Corrections budget increase in 2012, specifically:

2011/2012: \$190.4 million
2012/2013: \$200.5 million

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to the second portion of your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. The Ministry wishes to draw your attention to the final two paragraphs on page one of the enclosed records which explains the change in cable service provided to correctional centres in British Columbia. The Ministry would also like to provide some additional information about the Inmate Benefit Fund (IBF).

Each correctional centre maintains an IBF which is operated under the trusteeship of the warden and through consultation with the inmate advisory committee.

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The fund provides for expenditures not financed by public funds and can be used for both the collective and individual benefit and welfare of all incarcerated individuals in adult custody centres.

Income to the IBF is derived from operation of a canteen, sale of hobby and craft items, commissions from telephones and vending machines, interest earned on bank accounts maintained for the inmate trust fund and the benefit fund, donations received from inmate work programs and the community, proceeds of sale of abandoned inmate effects, and organized income-producing activities, other than programs approved for inclusion in the inmate work program. Under the trusteeship of the warden, the director, business and finance, (DBF) at each centre is the person responsible for the accounting of the IBF.

Your file is now closed.

The attached 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Kotchonoski', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Darlene Kotchonoski 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.