

ARCS: 292- 30 File: AGR-2015-50719

May 26, 2015

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 Agriculture. Your request is for:

Departmental records concerning the use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs or UASs (otherwise known as drones) or plans to acquire (or borrow) and use drones in the future, including requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations, policies, guidelines and manuals and the types of investigations or incidents in which the Ministry plans to use drones. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 04/13/2015)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of *FOIPPA*. A complete copy of *FOIPPA* is available online at:

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

Please note some information in the records is marked 'not responsive' as it does not respond to the wording and/or the date range of your request. Your file is now closed.

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

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Fax: 250-387-9843

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact John Wilson, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-5854. 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 250-356-5854.

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,

John Wilson

On behalf of:

Kris Ghag, Manager Resource Team Information Access Operations

Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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.