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File: CFD-2016-64431

December 13, 2016

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 Children and Family Development (the Ministry). Your request is for:

A list of contracts, over \$200,000, with a start date within the time frame. (Date Range for Record Search: From 10/01/2014 To 10/17/2016)

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/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

The Ministry is not able to produce exactly what was requested for the following reasons:

- Based on current administrative practice, we cannot accurately respond to FOI requests using “start dates” as we do not currently consistently record start dates in the Corporate Accounting System. We hope to have improved and more accurate data entry practices in the coming year which will result in improved accuracy in our reporting.
- In order to prepare a response to your FOI request that would be the “most accurate”, we used fiscal year rather than the start dates. This report will contain all contracts that have commitments of \$200,000 annually since April 1, 2014. We recognize this means the report may include additional contracts that began prior to the specified timeframe (October 2014).
- Contract numbers will appear more than one time in the report because the Ministry re-uses the same contract numbers when a contract is re-issued. Each line in this report,

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even if using the same contract number, is a new committed value in that fiscal year and is not an accumulative value of the contract.

- Because we used the commitment within a fiscal year, the report may not specify multiyear contracts where the contract total exceeded \$200,000, but alternatively, commitments of less than \$200,000 each year (e.g. 2 year agreement for \$225,000, where \$100,000 was committed in one fiscal year and the other \$125,000 in the following fiscal year).
- We are unable to break this data by STOB, however we can with certainty state that 95-98% of the contracts in the list are STOB 80 contracts (definitions below).
 - **STOB 60** contracts are for services where government is the direct beneficiary of the goods/services e.g. training, consulting services, or advisory services.
 - **STOB 80** contracts are for services where the service provider is providing services on behalf of the ministry and government is not the direct beneficiary of the goods/services (third party services).

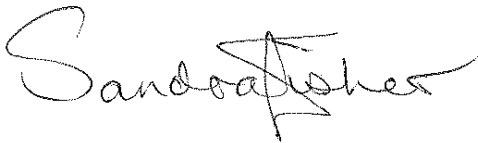
Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Sandra Fisher, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-6074. 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 250 356-6074.

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 that reads "Sandra Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandra Fisher, Junior FOI Analyst, on behalf of
Kris Ghag, 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.