

ARCS: 292-30 File: CFD-2019-90203

May 11, 2020

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. Your request is for:

Records of any and all emails, text messages, BBMs, slack messages, and WhatsApp messages – excluding attachments – sent from the Minister's Ministerial Assistant(s), where such a position existed and was staffed. (Date Range for Record Search: From: 08/01/2018 to 08/31/2018)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations) 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

We have provided you with the best available copy, although you may find that some pages are in poor condition. Your file is now closed.

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

www.gov.bc.ca/freedomofinformation Telephone: 250 387-1321 Fax: 250 387-9843

Website:

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Thejus Sebastian, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 974-5251. 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 778 974-5251.

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,

Thejus Sebastian, FOI Analyst On behalf of Jamie Onciul, Manager Central Agency 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.