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August 2, 2019

Sent via email:

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:

Any and all records about, in relation to or which mention the implementation of the Immigration & Refugee Practice Guidelines and Checklist for Assisting Children in Care, including but not limited to: The number of children in care by immigration status, for example, number of children in care with no status, temporary status, refugee status, permanent resident status, and citizenship status; Number of contacts to the Legal Services Branch (LSB) to request the appointment of an immigration lawyer for a child in care; Number of applications for Canadian citizenship made by the Ministry on behalf of children in care; Number of applications for Canadian permanent residence made by the Ministry on behalf of children in care; Amount in dollars and in number of cases of financial assistance for citizenship applications or to obtain counsel for immigration applications for youth in the AYA program. (Date Range for Record Search: From 05/01/2017 To 05/13/2019)

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), 14 (Legal advice) and 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

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With regard to “the number of children in care by immigration status, for example, number of children in care with no status, temporary status, refugee status, permanent resident status, and citizenship status,” the ministry advises that while the Integrated Case Management (ICM) system does contain this field, it is rarely used by staff and therefore the ministry is unable to provide reliable data in response to this portion of your request.

With regards to the “amount in dollars and in number of cases of financial assistance for citizenship applications or to obtain counsel for immigration applications for youth in the AYA program,” the ministry advises that no responsive records were located in response to this portion of your request.

Lastly, the ministry advises that Legal Services Branch, Ministry of Attorney General may hold responsive records/information regarding the following portions of your request:

- Number of contacts to the Legal Services Branch (LSB) to request the appointment of an immigration lawyer for a child in care
- Number of applications for Canadian citizenship made by the Ministry on behalf of children in care;
- Number of applications for Canadian permanent residence made by the Ministry on behalf of children in care;

You may wish to direct these portions of your request to the Ministry of Attorney General.

Your file is now closed.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Adrian Chalifour, Team Lead at 250 387-1458. 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 250 387-1458.

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,



Adrian Chalifour, Team Lead
On behalf of Jamie Onciul, Manager
Social / Tech 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.