August 16, 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:

A record of the approval received from the Federal Government in May 2018 to amend the early learning and child care agreement — the ELCC agreement – pertaining to the following comments made by Minister of State for Child Care Katrina Chen during Estimates for the Ministry of Children and Family Development; Any and all types of records including written, electronic email, text messages, slack messages, Whatsapp messages, Apple imessages, all types of electronic messages, briefing notes, cliff notes, amongst staff and/or Ministers within the Ministry of Children and Family Development and/or the federal Ministry of Families, Children, and Social Development discussing an amendment, including the reasons and/or justifications for doing so, to amend 'Priority 2 Affordable Child Care' and the corresponding Infant/Toddler (0-36 months) child care space totals listed in the table under the heading 'Indicators of Success' at the bottom of Priority 2, within Annex 2 of the early learning and child care agreement — the ELCC agreement – between the Province of BC and the Federal Government of Canada, one that was approved in May 2018 according to Minister Katrina Chen during Estimates for the Ministry of Children and Family Development. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2018 To 10/31/2018)

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), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations) and 17 (Disclosure harmful to the

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financial or economic interests of a public body) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

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: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Meaghan Thorkelson, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-2277. 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 250 356-2277.

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,

Meaghan Thorkelson, FOI Analyst
On behalf of Jamie Onciul, Manager
Social / Tech 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.