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File: EDU-2017-72054
Your File: FOI 170616d

July 18, 2017

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 Education. Your request is for:

Expense reports for Deputy Minister Dave Byng and anyone who accompanied him, including his wife, to Colombia in March and April 2017, showing the detailed breakdown of expenses: The dates, carriers and costs for all flights; The dates, names, places and costs for accommodation; The dates, names, places and costs for all food and beverage purchases; The dates, names, places and costs for all hospitality events and gifts.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety.

Deputy Minister Dave Byng was on a personal vacation at his own expense and for this reason; there are no corresponding expense reports for the cost of flights, cost for accommodations, and cost for any food and beverage purchases. He elected to represent the province on certain occasions while he was in Columbia in which Protocol gifts were provided for by the Province. 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

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Melissa Boyd, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2867. 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 778 698-2867.

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'M Boyd', with a stylized, cursive script.

Melissa Boyd, FOI Analyst
On behalf of Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education 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.