



ARCS: 292-30
File: FIN-2016-60801

April 5, 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 Finance.

Your request is for:

Amount of MSP payment debt that has been written off or forgiven, by fiscal year, from 2010/11 through 2014/15. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2010 To 03/31/2015)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. MSP write-off amounts include premiums written off in accordance with Section 17 of the *BC Financial Administration Act*, and BC Government Core Policy and Procedures Manual 7.2.26. Write-offs of Uncollectible Debts or Obligations which also includes amounts extinguished under the *BC Limitation Act*. MSP Premiums are also written off in accordance with the *Federal Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*. There are no provisions in the *Medicare Protection Act* or the Medical and Health Care Services Regulation that would allow the Ministry to forgive MSP premiums.

Ministries must ensure that uncollectable debts or obligations are reviewed at least once a year and identify those debts that should be submitted for write-off. A write-off removes a receivable from the accounts recorded in the Corporate Accounting System, but does not extinguish the legal right of the government to collect the debt or obligation. MSP accounts that are written off, but still legally collectable are still maintained on Canada Revenue Agency Refund Set-off Program and at Private Collection Agencies where possible.

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Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Derek Brennan, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2333. 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 778 698-2333.

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 "Cindy Elbahir", is written over a light grey circular stamp.

For:
Cindy Elbahir, Manager
Central Agency 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.