



ARCS: 292-30
File: FIN-2016-63057

March 22, 2017

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. You narrowed your request on September 16, 2016 through conversations and emails with Patrick Craib and Neal Yonson. Your request is for:

All electronic correspondence, including e-mail, Slack message logs, SMS messages and Blackberry PIN messages, sent by or to the Premier, Deputy Minister to the Premier, Finance Minister or Deputy Minister about foreign ownership/purchases in the housing market or the proposal for a tax on foreign buyers. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/18/2016 To 08/01/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 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

In addition to the records provided, the Ministry received a significant volume of public correspondence which was based upon a common template. As per your agreement with Neal Yonson on September 16, 2016, a representative sample of these letters has been included rather than each individual copy received by the Ministry. Secondly, as per your agreement with Neal Yonson on January 23, 2017, all records previously disclosed to you in request OOP-2016-63058 have been removed. Your file is now closed.

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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

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Neal Yonson, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2378. 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 778 698-2378.

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 black ink, appearing to read "Dwayne MZ", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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.