



ARCS: 292-30
File: FIN-2016-63471

December 22, 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:

Regarding the July 7, 2016 Property Transfer Tax Report and related to the news release titled Government releases real estate transaction data: Records about the strategic communications plan including the planning, production and execution of the media event and report; Records about how the announcement and reported data was chosen; Records about the creation of the data from the Property Transfer Tax returns contained in the news release and report; Details on the structure of the Excel spreadsheet compiled from the Property Transfer Tax returns, particularly the Country List, Foreign Investment, Canadian Status, and Unknown Ind columns. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/10/2016 To 07/08/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 13 (Policy advice or recommendations) 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.

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Please note that the paired sales data referenced on pages 36-38 of the response package contains a calculation error, and was subject to a correction issued on August 31, 2016. A corrected version of the paired sales data can be found at the following link:

https://public.tableau.com/views/BCPairedSalesAnalysis-v12-2016-07-14/PairedSalesSummaryTable?:embed=y&:display_count=yes

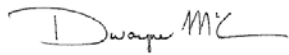
Corrected versions of the charts outlining paired sales data can be found on slides 15-17 at the following link: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/PPP_Housing_data.pdf

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,



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.