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File: FIN-2017-74213

March 9th, 2018

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 Finance. Your request is for:

Relating to Journalist Gordon Hoekstra and/or articles written by him for the Vancouver Sun – links listed - and/or the subject of those articles, which are the collection of penalties and the investigation and prosecution of fraudsters through the courts, and/or request for proposals by Finance Minister Carole James to improve enforcement by the BCSC: All records and correspondence — electronic and hard copy — including but not limited to emails, letters, notes, briefs, reports and memos. Exclude any draft versions of documents that were presented to cabinet. Referenced links: <http://vancouver.sun.com/business/local-business/hundreds-of-millions-of-penalties-issued-by-b-c-securities-commission-going-unpaid> ; <http://vancouver.sun.com/business/local-business/finance-minister-instructs-securities-commission-to-improve-collection-of-fines-and-soon> ; <http://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/fraudsters-in-b-c-rarely-face-police-investigation-or-jail-time> ; <http://vancouver.sun.com/business/local-business/british-columbians-speaking-out-about-investment-fraud-investigation-response>. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/17/2017 To 12/08/2017)

Please find enclosed a copy of the record located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences), 13 (Policy advice or recommendations) and 14 (Legal advice) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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


Your file is now closed.

This record 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 Peggy King, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2673. 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 778 698-2673.

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 that reads "Meghan Kane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meghan Kane, Team Lead
On behalf of 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.