



ARCS: 292-30
File: FIN-2018-83368

January 21, 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:

All documents (including, but not limited to, briefing notes, research reports, analysis, internal memos, emails, etc) from the last year that would allow the applicant to know the estimated economic impact of the proposed Employer Health Tax (EHT), such as the scope (e.g. number of businesses impacted) and the cost on an average business owner in BC. Date Range: 07/01/2017 - 04/30/2018

Please find enclosed a copy of the records 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), 14 (Legal advice), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations), 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party) and 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

Your file is now closed. Please note that the Ministry of Education released records similar to your request (in EDU-2018-81768), and they are available on Open Information:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/enSearch/detail?id=26EE74C124B8476EA280E7A3C823A2D8&recorduid=EDU-2018-81768&keyword=edu-2018-81768>.

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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

We are issuing you a refund as a result of changes to the time required to conduct a search.

The fee has been revised as follows:

13 hours to locate and retrieve records @ \$30.00/ hour =	\$300.00
<i>Does not include the first 3 hours which are not charged to you</i>	
2 hours to prepare and handle records for disclosure @ \$30.00/hour =	\$60.00
Revised Total =	\$360.00
Less Deposit Paid =	\$517.50
Balance Deposit Due/Payment Due =	- \$157.50

A refund cheque will follow under separate cover.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Chelsea Fern, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2740. 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 778 698-2740.

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,



Natalie Appleton, 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.