



ARCS: 292-30
File: FIN-2018-83766

August 27, 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. You narrowed your request on July 12, 2018 through conversation and/or email with Natalie Appleton. Your request is for:

The number of companies, in the industry of fabrication of stone countertops and other products, that have been audited by the Ministry for PST purpose covering the period from April 1, 2013 to December 31, 2017, and the total amount of PST that was required to be made on all purchases for the companies listed. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2013 To 12/31/2017)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. The column titled “# of Audits” corresponds to the first part of the request regarding the total number of companies audited. The column titled “Tax Assessed on Purchases” represents the second half of the request regarding the total amount of PST assessed on non-asset purchases. Non-asset purchases includes, but is not limited to, operating purchases, inventory purchases, and purchases for materials required to fulfil a contract (e.g. countertop material to supply and install in a customer’s kitchen).

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 Natalie Appleton, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-9164. 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 250 356-9164.

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 'N. Appleton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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.