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File: FIN-2019-96664

November 18, 2019

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:

Information on the number of cigarettes sold on a monthly basis in British Columbia, and the total cigarette tobacco excise tax collected on a monthly basis from January 1, 2014 to September 30, 2019.

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. The enclosed records capture the total monthly tobacco tax collected in British Columbia (BC), unfortunately the Ministry does not have information on the number of cigarettes sold in BC. However, the Ministry has advised that this information may be available through Health Canada. You can submit a Freedom of Information request with the Government of Canada through their website at: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/corporate/about-health-canada/activities-responsibilities/access-information-privacy/how-make-access-information-privacy-request.html>. Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten 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 Katie Grieve, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778-698-4887. 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 778-698-4887.

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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 blue ink that reads "Katie Grieve". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Katie Grieve, Sr. FOI Analyst
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.