



ARCS: 292-30
File: FNR-2016-60869

May 25, 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 Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. Your request is for:

The request is for the BC Airtanker Program aircraft contracts (2014-2016); AMS (Aviation Management System) reports (2014 & 2015) highlighting flight hours and associated hourly flight costs for the BC Airtanker Program aircraft - This report is to include those airtanker resources used in BC acquired through mutual aid agreements; A document detailing average hourly fuel burn rates by aircraft type; Contracts pertaining specifically to the Martin Mars aircraft services from 2006-2015. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2006 To 02/22/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. While you were interested in hourly rates associated with different aircraft, this information is being withheld pursuant to section(s) 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), and 21 (Disclosure harmful to business interests of a third party) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

While the ministry is unable to provide you with hourly rates, the BC Wildfire Service spent (exclusive of fuel and retardant) \$26.3 million on airtankers in 2014 and \$27.8 million on airtankers in 2015. In addition, please be informed that the rates for the table on page 262 are liters per hour.

Your file is now closed.

Please note that the final fee for the request, comprised of search time and scanning records, is less than the fee estimated and a refund will be issued for the amount of \$147.80.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Charlotte Van Schalkwyk, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-5055. 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 250 356-5055.

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, consisting of stylized, overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

On behalf of
Ken Bejcek, Manager
Resource 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.