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File: FNR-2017-70624

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

Regarding the Jan. 10, 2017 news release, "Trade missions fostered new investment, business deals in 2016": Correspondence about the decision to omit the costs of the trade missions from the news release and the list of costs for each of the trade missions listed in the news release, specifically, Premier Christy Clark's mission to South Korea, the Philippines and Japan May 23-31, 2016; Minister of Finance Michael de Jong's mission to India Oct. 20-29, 2016; De Jong's mission to Israel Nov. 12-19, 2016; Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Steve Thomson's mission to Japan and China Nov. 25-Dec. 3, 2016. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2016 To 02/01/2017)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) 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

Please take note that the BEA invoicing for both Deputy Minister Sheldan and for Bruce Strongitharm to the amount of \$191.24 was for a mandatory dinner, which all delegates attended. The total dinner bill was divided equally amongst all of the delegates who attended the event and was thereafter posted to their individual hotel room bills.

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 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 blue ink, consisting of several vertical strokes followed by a horizontal line.

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.