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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 Natural Gas Development and Minister Responsible for Housing. Your request is for:

Regarding the figures contained in the Dec. 15, 2016 news release - New program partners with first-time homebuyers as they enter the housing market: A report that explains and justifies the methodology for the statistics included, such as the reasoning behind the estimates of the program costing \$703 million over three years for 42,000 first-time buyers; The choice of \$37,500 or 5% of the purchase price as maximums; The choice of five payment-free years on a 25-year loan. (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/01/2016 To 12/31/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences), 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. Copies of these sections of FOIPPA are provided for your reference. 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.

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

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Bradley Cranwell, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 952-6846. 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 250 952-6846.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Cranwell', written in a cursive style.

Bradley Cranwell, FOI Analyst
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.