



ARCS: 292- 30  
File: HTH-2015-50915

July 21, 2015

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 Health. You narrowed your request on Date through conversation and/or email with Bethany Haak. Your request is for:

*Records, briefing notes, issues notes, information, reports, memos, and committee minutes regarding the transfer of responsibility of health care for transgender individuals to the Provincial Health Services Authority and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, which was announced October 30, 2014 in a Ministry News Release; All records (excluding emails) that pertain to: Any agreement(s) between the Ministry and said health authorities regarding transgender health care and gender-reassignment-surgery, Ministry funding agreements with the health authorities, New funds allocated for transgender health, Budgeting allocations for transgender-specific health care and gender-reassignment surgery, Orders by the Ministry to the health authorities regarding funding allocations for transgender health and transgender health care delivery requirements, Securing funds for transgender health care services within existing health authority budgets. (Date Range for Record Search: From 08/31/2014 To 04/22/2015)*

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of *FOIPPA*. Copies of these sections of *FOIPPA* are provided for your reference.

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A complete copy of *FOIPPA* is available online at:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws\\_new/document/ID/freeside/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00)

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 Bethany Haak, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-387-9811. 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 250-387-9811.

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 that reads "Maxine Vanzetta". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager  
Health / Education 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.