



ARCS: 292-30
File: HTH-2016-61572

May 31, 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 Health. Your request is for:

The Interprovincial Physician Compensation Report produced per the 2007 Physician Master Agreement, dated December 31, 2010, and all subsequent reports surveying Interprovincial Physician Compensation. (Date Range for Record Search: From 12/31/2010 To 04/04/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. Your file is now closed.

Please note that there is only one Interprovincial Physician Compensation Report. The Ministry supplied this explanation for why there are no follow-up reports:

From the documentation I've been able to find, the reasons there are no follow up reports to the Interprovincial Physician Compensation Report are the following:

- *Resource constraints and methodological difficulties in collecting the data necessary to produce the report*
- *The need to gather data from other provinces would require data sharing agreements and ensuring data quality and consistency, with little incentive for other provinces (particularly Alberta and Ontario) to participate*
- *Little reason to think that the government and the BCMA would agree on how to use/interpret results of the model.*

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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 Dallas Yuan, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-4383. 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 250 387-4383.

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 cursive script that reads "Maxine Vanzetta".

Maxine Vanzetta, Manager
Health / Education / MSDSI 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.