



ARCS: 292-30  
File: HTH-2017-71583-R

October 17, 2018

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 Health. Your request is for:

*All briefing notes (information, research, decision notes, etc., excluding drafts) regarding private provider Surgical Centres Inc., related to any and all of Surgical Centres Inc.'s private facilities in BC - New West Surgical; Seafield Surgical Centre, Nanaimo; View Royal Surgical Centre, Victoria – prepared for the Minister of Health and/or Deputy Minister of Health. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2015 To 05/05/2017)*

The Ministry responded to your request on December 6, 2017 and withheld the records in their entirety under s.17 of FOIPPA. You requested that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) review the Ministry's decision to withhold records. The Ministry has reconsidered its earlier decision and is now releasing some of the records to you in advance of the scheduled inquiry dates with the OIPC.

Please find enclosed a copy of the reconsidered records in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 13 (Policy advice or recommendations) and 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement) of FOIPPA. The Ministry is no longer relying on section 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00)

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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](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation)

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Marilyn Doe, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-1629. 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 250 356-1629.

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.