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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 Health. Your request is for:

Records for each of the years 2014 – 2018, and to date for 2019 of: Number of people who submitted “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” to The Vital Statistics Agency; Number of people who submitted “Applications to Change of Gender Designation (Minor)” to The Vital Statistics Agency; Number of people who submitted “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” indicating a change from “Male” to “Female” to The Vital Statistics Agency; Number of people who submitted “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” indicating a change from “Female” to “Male” to The Vital Statistics Agency; Number of people who submitted “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” indicating a change from “Female” to “X” to The Vital Statistics Agency; Number of people who submitted “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” indicating a change from “Male” to “X” to The Vital Statistics Agency; Number of people who submitted Amendment Fees for the “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” ; Number of people who submitted Amendment Fees for the “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Minor)” ; Total amount (in dollars) of “Amendment Fees” collected by the Minister of Finance on “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” ; Total amount (in dollars) of “Amendment Fees” collected by the Minister of Finance on “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Minor)” ; Number of people requesting a new birth certificate pursuant to the “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” ; Total fees (in dollar amount) for new

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birth certificates collected by the Minister of Finance on “Applications to Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” ; Number of people requesting a new birth certificate pursuant to the “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Minor)” ; Total fees (in dollar amount) for new birth certificates collected by the Minister of Finance on “Applications to Change of Gender Designation (Minor)” ; Number of approved “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” ; Number of approved “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Minor)” ; Number of denied “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” ; Number of denied “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Minor)” . Also, current records of: Number of pending “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” ; Number of pending “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Minor)” ; Average processing time for “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Adult)” ; Average processing time for “Applications for Change of Gender Designation (Minor)” . (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2014 To 08/13/2019)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. The Ministry of Health noted that some data requested is not available, i.e. number of birth certificate requests pursuant to an application for gender change. Requests for birth certificates are processed independently from a request for gender change. While most change of gender applications include an application for a new certificate, the data provided may not include any requests for certificates that were received after the change of gender application had been completed.

As the ‘X’ option has only been available since November 2018, the information in the records includes data from November 2018 to August 2019.

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government’s Open Information website a minimum of ten 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 Laura Cameron, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-8402. 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 778 698-8402.

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,

Maxine Vanzetta

Ken Bejcek, 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.