



File: 292-30/HTH-2019-96776

September 3, 2021

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 records and communications – including emails (sent and received; excluding TNOs; exclude attachments), text messages, slack messages, WhatsApp messages, and/or other SMS/messaging applications' communications – and documents related to the reported direction from the Minister of Finance to all ministries to "begin examining discretionary spending in budget to look for savings that can be put into contingencies" (Times Colonist - September 26, 2019) including but not limited to travel, consulting contracts, and office expenses. Restrict search to Minister's Offices and Deputy Minister's Offices. (Date Range for Record Search: From 09/01/2019 To 10/11/2019)

Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences), 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), and 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

Your file is now closed.

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The records located in response to your request will be delivered through the BC Secure File Transfer Service. Separate emails will follow from the BC SFT Notification Service directing you how to set up an account and where to obtain your records.

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 Nina MacKenzie, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-3137. 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 778 698-3137.

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 'Nina MacKenzie', with a stylized, cursive script.

Nina MacKenzie, Team Lead
On behalf of Darlene Kotchonoski, Manager
Justice / Health 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.