

ARCS: 292-30 File: MOE-2016-60837

July 22, 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 Environment Your request is for:

All records pertaining to the Greenhouse Sector Carbon Tax Relief Program including all reports and communications related to the government's rationale for the program; All records related to the 2012 temporary carbon tax relief grant program for commercial greenhouse vegetable and floriculture growers; All emails, records and minutes from meetings, records of phone calls and all reports related to the Greenhouse Sector Carbon Tax Relief Program; All records and communication pertaining to the individuals and businesses that have applied for, and been granted, the Greenhouse Sector Carbon Tax Relief Program; Any records of communication between any member of government and any commercial greenhouse grower in the province of BC; Any record of communication between the government of BC and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions regarding the 2014 report 'The Effect of British Columbia's Carbon Tax on Agricultural Trade' including any communication with the authors of the report: Nicholas Rivers, University of Ottawa and Brandon Schaufele, Western University. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2010 To 02/15/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) 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.

Ministry of Finance Information Access Operations

Mailing Address: PO Box 9569 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9K1 Website: www.gov.bc.ca/freedomofinformation 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

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact John Wilson, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-5854. 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 250 356-5854.

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,

John Wilson - Sr. Analyst FOIPP - Resource Team

On behalf of:

Ken Bejcek, Manager Resource Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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.