

ARCS: 292-30 File: MSD-2015-51223

October 15, 2015

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 Social Development and Social Innovation. You narrowed your request on July 14, 2015 through conversation and email with Matthew Hall. Your request is for:

All Briefing Notes, information notes, estimate notes and cabinet documents relating to the living allowance increase from \$461.42 to \$531.42. I am interested in the decisions leading up to the increase announcement and documents around implementation (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2004 To 01/01/2005) (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2004 To 01/01/2005)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/EPLibraries/bclaws_new/document/ID/freeside/96165_00

Your file is now closed.

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

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Telephone: 250-387-1321 Fax: 250-387-9843

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Matthew Hall, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 952-7945. 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 250 952-7945.

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,

Matthew Hall on behalf of,

Kris Ghag, Manager Justice / Social 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.