



ARCS: 292-30  
File: MSD-2015-53259

March 15, 2017

Via e-mail:

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 requested:

*Regarding the Ministry's primary consultation process with external stakeholders to seek feedback on current service delivery channels and to introduce an Online Client Portal conducted in 2012/13, see [http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/Annual\\_Reports/2012\\_2013/pdf/ministry/msd.pdf](http://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/Annual_Reports/2012_2013/pdf/ministry/msd.pdf) page 7: Copies of notes and presentations from the focus group sessions held between January and March 2013 with Ministry clients and advocates; Records detailing the selection and invitation process for focus group participation; Records setting out the process for above noted consultation; Summary documents from the consultation process; Records setting out the Ministry's next steps following the consultation process.*

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), 15 (Disclosure harmful to law enforcement), 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](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00)

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Your file is now closed.

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Shelley Mellors, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 952-7960. 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 250 952-7960.

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, appearing to be 'Sm' or 'Shelley Mellors' in a cursive style.

Shelley Mellors, Senior FOI Analyst  
On behalf of Jamie Onciul-Omelus, Manager  
Social/Tech Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</b></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.