

ARCS: 292-30 File: MSD-2016-62255

January 18, 2017

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. Your request is for:

All documents, correspondence and emails received, responded to and discussed, itinerary/list of any meetings as a result and with whom, resulting from De Jong's February 2016 Budget announcement relating to a \$77/month increase to disability benefits and the connection to the yearly bus pass and yearly Special Transportation Subsidy. (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2016 To 05/31/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences), 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 14 (Legal advice), 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

Please note some information in the records is marked 'not responsive' as it does not respond to the wording and/or the date range of your request. Your file is now closed.

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

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www.gov.bc.ca/freedomofinformation Telephone: 250 387-1321 Fax: 250 387-9843

Website:

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Rhiânnon Hamdi, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-1437. 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 250 387-1437.

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,

Rhiânnon Hamdi, Team Lead 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.