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File: MSD-2017-72137

October 27, 2017

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 Social Development and Poverty Reduction. You narrowed your request on August 23, 2017 through email with Melinda Frelick. Your request is for:

Records for all fiscal years between 2010/2011 and 2016/2017 including number of clients on income assistance, number of clients on disability assistance (PWD) and number of people who received the seniors' supplement.

Data on the number of clients in receipt of income or disability assistance is readily available online. The data is published on OpenData located at the following link:

https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset?q=employment+and+assistance&download_audience=Public&sort=score+desc%2C+record_publish_date+desc

It provides several breakdowns including:

- BC Employment and Assistance by Census Metropolitan Area:
- BC Employment and Assistance by Municipality
- Monthly BC Employment and Assistance Program
- BC Employment and Assistance by Economic Development Region
- BC Employment and Assistance by Health Authority
- BC Employment and Assistance by Federal Electoral District
- BC Employment and Assistance by Provincial Electoral District
- Monthly BC Employment and Assistance Program by Age
- Monthly BC Employment and Assistance Program Flow
- Monthly BC Employment and Assistance Program by Ministry Region

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- Monthly BC Employment and Assistance Program Transitions

There is also some additional data at the following links:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/social-development-social-innovation/bcea-caseload.pdf>

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/organizational-structure/ministries-organizations/social-development-social-innovation/bcea-caseload-6page.pdf>

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to the remainder of your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety. 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

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Melinda Frelick, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 387-1027. 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 250 387-1027.

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,



Melinda Frelick, FOI Analyst
On behalf of Jamie Onciul-Omelus, Manager
Social / Tech Team, Information Access Operations

<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.