



ARCS: 292-30
File: MSD-2017-72439

December 7, 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 October 18, 2017 through conversation and/or email. Your request is for:

- 1) the number of welfare fraud investigations/reviews concluded as well as outcomes of these investigations/ reviews rather than “ Reports completed as a result of Ministry initiatives”
- 2) the number of fraud allegations received from the public over the fiscal year rather than “Reports received by the Ministry from the public which were reviewed/investigated/actioned”

MSD cannot produce data on fraud investigate as a percentage of caseload as this is something they do not track. However, what the ministry can produce has been provided to you. Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to 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

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Mikaela Bertucci, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2675. 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 778 698-2675.

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 black ink that reads "Mikaela Bertucci". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in Bertucci.

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

Enclosures

<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.