



ARCS: 292-30
File: MSD-2017-73050

January 10, 2018

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. Your request is for:

For each of the years 2012 to 2017, [specified records-see below] regarding income assistance applications: In the province as a whole; In Region 5-North or Cariboo/Nachako/North Coast/Northeast and In Williams Lake. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2012 To 09/11/2017)

- 1. the number of income assistance applications where an eligibility decision was made.*
- 2. the number of income assistance applications where the applicant was determined to be ineligible.*
- 3. the number of income assistance applications that were denied where either the first or only resolution field and/or reason code entered was that the applicant did not meet the 2-year independence test.*
- 4. the number of income assistance applications that were denied where the only resolution field and/or reason code entered was that the applicant did not meet the 2-year independence test:*

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5. the number of reconsideration requests for income assistance applications that were denied where either the first or only resolution field and/or reason code entered was that the applicant did not meet the 2-year independence test:

6. of the reconsideration requests described in (5), the number of reconsideration requests that were successful:

7. the number of reconsideration requests for income assistance applications that were denied where the only resolution field and/or reason code entered was that the applicant did not meet the 2-year independence test:

8. of the reconsideration requests described in (7), the number of reconsideration requests that were successful:

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

Please note records were not provided for the *number of income assistance applications that were denied where either the first or only resolution field and/or reason code entered was that the applicant did not meet the 2-year independence test and the number of income assistance applications that were denied where the only resolution field and/or reason code entered was that the applicant did not meet the 2-year independence test* as per section 6(2)(b). The information for these records is based on specific parameters relying on resolution codes that have been inconsistently used and would require manual analysis of each application.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Melinda Frelick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melinda Frelick, 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.