



ARCS: 292-30
File: MSD-2017-74310

March 14, 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:

All emails, text messages, blackberry message, slack message, WhatsApp messages, sent between all Assistant Deputy Ministers and their Executive/Administrative assistants. (Date Range for Record Search: From 07/18/2017 To 07/31/2017)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy), 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), and 13 (Policy advice or recommendations) of FOIPPA. A copy of this section of FOIPPA is provided for your reference. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Some information has been removed under Section 3 (Scope of this act) (c) subject to subsection 3, a record that is created by or for, or is in the custody or control of, an officer of the Legislature and that relates to the exercise of that officer's functions under an Act

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As per your agreement with Merissa Hughes on February 22, 2018, certain information has been removed as 'not responsive' or 'NR.' We have provided you with the best available copy, although you may find that some pages are in poor condition. 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 Merissa Hughes, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-7869. 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 250 356-7869.

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, appearing to read 'Merissa Hughes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Merissa Hughes, 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.