



File: MSD-2020-00560

March 12, 2020

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 Poverty Reduction. Your request is for:

*Records that show the percentage of Social Assistance recipients (i.e. Income Assistance and Disability Assistance) in the City of Vancouver that receive their payments through the following methods: Direct Deposit; Cheques (mailed); Cheques (picked up). The period of interest is 2005 to 2019. A snapshot of each year is sufficient (e.g. the percentages for January of each month). If it is time consuming to separate mailed vs picked up cheques, it is sufficient to merge both together.*

*(Date Range for Record Search: From 1/1/2005 To 9/30/2019)*

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 ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: [www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation)

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Thejus Sebastian, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 974-5251. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from

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Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 778 974-5251.

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 'Thejus Sebastian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Thejus Sebastian, FOI Analyst  
On behalf of Jamie Onciul, 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.