

ARCS: 292-30 File: OOP-2016-60983

June 5, 2017

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 Office of the Premier. Your request is for:

All records pertaining to the Greenhouse Sector Carbon Tax Relief Program including all reports and communications related to the government's rationale for the program; All records related to the 2012 temporary carbon tax relief grant program for commercial greenhouse vegetable and floriculture growers; All emails, records and minutes from meetings, records of phone calls and all reports related to the Greenhouse Sector Carbon Tax Relief Program; All records and communication pertaining to the individuals and businesses that have applied for, and been granted, the Greenhouse Sector Carbon Tax Relief Program; Any records of communication between any member of government and any commercial greenhouse grower in the province of BC; Any record of communication between the government of BC and the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions regarding the 2014 report 'The Effect of British Columbia's Carbon Tax on Agricultural Trade' including any communication with the authors of the report: Nicholas Rivers, University of Ottawa and Brandon Schaufele, Western University. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2010 To 02/15/2016)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

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

Ministry of Finance Information Access Operations

Mailing Address: PO Box 9569 Stn Prov Govt Victoria BC V8W 9K1 ·e·

Website: <u>www.gov.bc.ca/freedomofinformation</u> Telephone: 250 387-1321 Fax: 250 387-9843

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As per your discussions with Drew Savides on January 31 2017, you have consented to the use of 'NR' or 'Not Responsive' to information that is not within the scope of your request. 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 Patrick Craib, the analyst now assigned to your request, at 250-387-7620. 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 250-387-7620.

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,

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For Cindy Elbahir, Manager Central Agency Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

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.