



ARCS: 292-30  
File: OOP-2017-73870

December 22, 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 Office of the Premier. You narrowed your request on November 17, 2017 through conversation and/or email with Kristen Sanderson. Your request is for:

*Records that mention the Direct Award contract given to Marlene Behrens to work as a member of a transition team appointed by the Premier designate John Horgan; The contract, and work produced by the contractor. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/30/2017 To 11/16/2017)*

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to sections 14 (Legal advice) and 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00)

Please be advised that there are no records in response to the portion of your request pertaining to the “work produced by the contractor”. The members of the transition team were brought together under contracts with the provincial government to prepare the Premier-Designate and the incoming administration to form government on July 18, 2017. Some of the work produced by the team involved the analysis of the transition binders prepared by Cabinet Operations for the incoming Ministers and the Premier-Designate, determining key staffing decisions and staffing appointments for the incoming administration, event planning and preparation for the swearing in ceremony and to ensure all was organized for the new administration to take over the reins of power on July 18, 2017.

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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](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation)

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Neal Yonson, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2378. 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 778 698-2378.

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 "Meghan Kane". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meghan Kane, Team Lead  
On behalf of Cindy Elbahir, Manager  
Central Agency 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.