



ARCS: 292-30  
File: PSA-2017-72168  
Your File: FOI 170626f

July 27, 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 BC Public Service Agency. Your request is for:

*All policy directives and memos regarding the so-called "caretaker mode" for Government Communications and Public Engagement and the Public Service Agency, specifically showing the policies, procedures, reasons and basis for refusal by public servants to answer questions from the media and general public about facts, statistics, policies and procedures during the election writ period and beyond the election writ period — even while the Legislature has resumed sitting. (Date Range for Record Search: From 03/01/2017 To 06/27/2017)*

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 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)

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If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Shelley Mellors, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 952-7960. 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 250 952-7960.

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 cursive script, appearing to be 'Sm', likely representing Shelley Mellors.

Shelley Mellors, Senior 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.