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File: PSS-2016-64041

December 6, 2016

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 Public Safety and Solicitor General. Your request is for:

*A list of the titles of Section 42 studies initiated or completed including a one paragraph summary of each study. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/2006 To 10/17/2016)*

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety.

The Minister and the director of police services have three authorities under the *Police Act* relevant to auditing, inspecting or reviewing municipal police forces:

- Under s. 40, the director has the authority to inspect and report on the quality and standard of policing and law enforcement, including evaluating compliance with the director's standards. Note that director's standards are a relatively new addition to the policing environment in British Columbia.
- Under s. 42, the director must, on request of the minister, and may on the director's own initiative or on request of a council or board, study, investigate and prepare a report on matters concerning policing, law enforcement and crime prevention in British Columbia.
- Under s. 43, the director must, on request of the minister, inquire into and report on matters regarding crime and its investigation or control, and of policing and law enforcement.

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Projects are carried out on the director's behalf using Ministry staff, consultants, or a combination thereof. The enclosed is a list of projects completed under the above authorities in the last 15 years.

It should be noted that routine inspections of police forces have not been occurring due to the need to prioritize the development of new, more robust standards for police, as recommended by the Braidwood Commission of Inquiry into the use of conducted energy weapons and the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry. Since 2012, the Ministry has developed 29 new standards (see <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/policing-standards>).

Recent reports are available on the Ministry's website see: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/justice/criminal-justice/policing-in-bc/publications-statistics-legislation/publications>).

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 Garry Hansen, the analyst assigned to your request, at 778 698-2269. 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 778 698-2269.

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  
Kris Ghag, Manager  
Justice / Social 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.