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**Date:** Mon, 21 Oct 2013 15:34:06 -0700

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Hello Andrew,

As I was discussing with Catherine on Thursday of last week, the Ministry of Health (MoH) has received several FoI requests involving the Pharmaceutical Service Division (PSD) investigation. The response to the applicants request would include providing email communications, contracts and documents related to data access protocols.

It has been publicly announced that the MoH investigation (led by Wendy Taylor) will soon be concluded. Previously, MoH was able to hold back the release of the documents because of the ongoing investigation. However, there is an expectation that the information will be released with applicable severing.

The FoI requests contain information relevant the Office of the Comptroller investigation which is ongoing. We have concerns that if the information is released that it could impede our investigation.

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The Privacy Commissioner is involved in this matter and has been in touch with MoH.

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Below is the response that you provided Jim Bulmer to share with the Privacy Commissioner which to my understanding resolved the matter in a timely manner.

If applicable, could you provide us written confirmation that it is your expectation that disclosure of the requested information could harm a RCMP investigation into concerns involving the PSD.

Thank you,

Stacy

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**Subject:** BCOSSA

James

As per your email and our phone call, this is to confirm that the RCMP have an ongoing investigation into BCOSSA based on concerns forwarded by the Comptroller General.

It is my opinion that at this stage of the investigation, releasing the working papers and source document information specific to the allegations may interfere with the investigation.

The request covers material that we have not yet had a chance to examine and references individuals that the investigator has not yet had the opportunity to contact or interview.

For your consideration

Andrew Cowan

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Thank you Andrew...much appreciated.

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**From:** Andrew COWAN [mailto:ANDREW.COWAN@rcmp-grc.gc.ca]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 22, 2013 3:11 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Stacy W FIN:EX  
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**Subject:** Private and Confidential

Stacy;  
It is my understanding that the Comptroller General has received several FOI requests relating to the Ministry of Health investigation. To confirm, the RCMP investigation, although suspended pending the final report/investigation by your office, is not concluded. Our file remains open with exhibits seized from the BC Government and Statistics Canada in our possession.  
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Hi Andrew,

Sorry to bother you again, but there is one technicality to address with respect to the email you provide us.

It was the Ministry of Health that received the FOI requests and not the Office of the Comptroller General.

The Comptroller General is arguing if the Ministry of Health releases the information it would compromise our (OCG) investigation. As the Ministry of Health investigation is near completion they can no longer deny the release of the information under Section 15 for the FOI Act.

If you could send a new email with the one revision I would greatly appreciate it.

Regards,

Stacy

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Thank you Andrew.

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