

Freedom of Information  
and Protection of Privacy

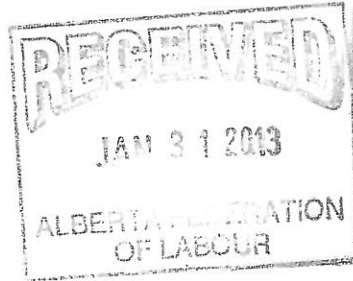
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File #: 2012-G-0084

January 28, 2013

Ms. Shannon Phillips  
Alberta Federation of Labour  
10654-101 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta  
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Dear Ms. Phillips:

**Re: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Request**

Treasury Board and Finance (TBF) is responding to your request for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Act), which was received by the TBF FOIP Office on December 27, 2012. The request is for all documents, including studies, reports, memos, or correspondence on health spending accounts and/or dedicated taxes for health care services, or other forms of alternative health care payment not currently in place in Alberta, with a time frame of January 1, 2012 to December 27, 2012.

Attached is a receipt for the initial fee of \$25.00 paid by Cheque # 015585. Thank you.

Records responsive to your request are being withheld in their entirety under section 24 (Advice to Officials). In addition, some records contain information has been deemed to be non-responsive to your request. A copy of the applicable section of the Act is enclosed for your reference.

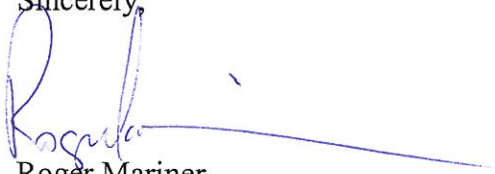
If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Ms. Heather J. Johnson, FOIP Access Advisor at (780) 415 – 9176.

Under section 65 of the FOIP Act, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any matter pertaining to your request. You have 60 days from the date of this notice to request a review by completing and delivering a *Request for Review* form to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Office of the Information  
and Privacy Commissioner  
410, 9925 - 109 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J8

The form is available under the Resources tab at [www.oipc.ab.ca](http://www.oipc.ab.ca) or by calling 1-888-878-4044.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roger Mariner", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Roger Mariner  
FOIP Coordinator

RM/lc

Attachment

# Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

## PART 1 - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

### Division 2 - Exceptions to Disclosure

#### Section 24 - Advice from Officials

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24(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal

- (a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or a member of the Executive Council,
- (b) consultations or deliberations involving
  - (i) officers or employees of a public body,
  - (ii) a member of the Executive Council, or
  - (iii) the staff of a member of the Executive Council,
- (c) positions, plans, procedures, criteria or instructions developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on behalf of the Government of Alberta or a public body, or considerations that relate to those negotiations,
- (d) plans relating to the management of personnel or the administration of a public body that have not yet been implemented,
- (e) the contents of draft legislation, regulations and orders of members of the Executive Council or the Lieutenant Governor in Council,
- (f) the contents of agendas or minutes of meetings
  - (i) of the governing body of an agency, board, commission, corporation, office or other body that is designated as a public body in the regulations, or
  - (ii) of a committee of a governing body referred to in subclause (i),
- (g) information, including the proposed plans, policies or projects of a public body, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy or budgetary decision, or
- (h) the contents of a formal research or audit report that in the opinion of the head of the public body is incomplete unless no progress has been made on the report for at least 3 years.

(2) This section does not apply to information that

(a) has been in existence for 15 years or more,

(b) is a statement of the reasons for a decision that is made in the exercise of a discretionary power or an adjudicative function,

(c) is the result of product or environmental testing carried out by or for a public body, that is complete or on which no progress has been made for at least 3 years, unless the testing was done

(i) for a fee as a service to a person other than a public body, or

(ii) for the purpose of developing methods of testing or testing products for possible purchase,

(d) is a statistical survey,

(e) is the result of background research of a scientific or technical nature undertaken in connection with the formulation of a policy proposal, that is complete or on which no progress has been made for at least 3 years,

(f) is an instruction or guideline issued to the officers or employees of a public body, or

(g) is a substantive rule or statement of policy that has been adopted by a public body for the purpose of interpreting an Act or regulation or administering a program or activity of the public body.

**(2.1)** The head of a public body must refuse to disclose to an applicant

(a) a record relating to an audit by the Chief Internal Auditor of Alberta that is created by or for the Chief Internal Auditor of Alberta, or

(b) information that would reveal information about an audit by the Chief Internal Auditor of Alberta.

**(2.2)** Subsection (2.1) does not apply to a record or information described in that subsection

(a) if 15 years or more has elapsed since the audit to which the record or information relates was completed, or

(b) if the audit to which the record or information relates was discontinued or if no progress has been made on the audit for 15 years or more.

**(3)** In this section, "audit" means a financial or other formal and systematic examination or review of a program, portion of a program or activity.

**OFFICIAL RECEIPT**

<b>Payment ID:</b>	175.0017218	<b>Date:</b>	12/27/2012
<b>Received the sum of:</b>	<u>Twenty Five Dollars And 00 Cents</u>		
<b>CAD Amount:</b>	<u>(\$25.00)</u>		
<b>Currency:</b>	Canadian Dollar		
<b>Payment Method:</b>	Cheque		
<b>Cheque Date:</b>	12/18/2012	<b>Cheque Number:</b>	015585
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<b>Comments:</b>	2012-G-0084		
<b>Payor Name:</b>	Shannon Phillips		