



Finance

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July 21, 2016

Re: Application for Access under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) – Our File Number 37-16FIN.

Your FIPPA application was received by Manitoba Finance on June 17, 2016, seeking access to the following records:

“All records reflecting costs that pertain to the most recent government transition. This includes direct costs related to recruiting, hiring, and relocation allowances as well as office renovation and staff relocation, office supplies, and departmental consolidation instances when departments were combined”

Direct costs for transition are not specifically tracked by government departments; however, we have conducted a search on the costs you have identified and access has been granted in full to the following information.

Recruiting and Hiring related to transition

Regarding the recruiting and hiring of staff, the following information is published and available to the public according to provisions in *The Civil Service Act* for the technical appointment of political staff. Political staff are appointed by an Order in Council under Section 32 of the Act:

Appointment of deputy ministers, etc., and other technical officers

32 Unless they are appointed by Act of the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint

(a) deputy ministers, the Clerk of the Executive Council, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and other technical officers; and

(b) the members, or members of the board of management or boards of directors, of agencies of the government with respect to which any provision of this Act has been brought into force.

Regulations respecting technical officers

33(1) The commission shall make regulations designating the positions that shall be deemed to be those of technical officers.

Schedule A of *The Technical Officers Designation Regulation* designates positions that are deemed to be those of technical officers:

2(1) For the purposes of subsection 33(1) of the Act, the following positions are designated as positions deemed to be those of technical officers:

- (a) executive assistants;
- (b) special assistants;
- (c) special advisors;
- (d) staff of the Executive Council appointed pursuant to section 32 of the Act;
- (e) any positions selected for appointment pursuant to s. 32 of the Act from among those positions and classifications designated as being excluded from the terms of any collection agreement.

Orders in Council include the name, position and salary range of technical officers. Orders in Council from May 2, 2016 to present are available online, and they may be found on the Manitoba Government website here:

<http://oic.gov.mb.ca/oic/>

Office and Staff Relocation

The table below reflects the transition costs incurred at the Legislative Building for the period of April 20, 2016 to June 24, 2016. These were funded by the Accommodations Services Division of Manitoba Finance:

Expenditure	Cost
Moving furniture (Materials Distribution Agency)	\$6,370.93
Security	\$12,800.00
Shelving (Room 129)	\$3,797.00
Signage (strip and refinish doors – e.g. gold leaf)	\$13,220.00
Overtime (for facility staff and cleaners at the Legislative Building)	\$12,494.70
TOTAL:	\$48,682.63

Other Costs

This table provides costs up to and including June 23rd identified as specific costs for Manitoba Finance related to the government transition. We have included estimated costs of commitments where we are awaiting invoices.

Expenditure	Actual Costs	Commitment (ordered - awaiting invoice)
Telecommunications (phones, ipads, a/v equipment, etc.)	\$ 5,094.79	\$625.26
Office supplies Business cards	\$ 18.68	\$ 393.60
Other (service contract fee)	\$24,293.92	\$10,526.08

Section 59(1) of FIPPA states that you may make a complaint about this decision respecting your application for access to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 – 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1
(204) 982-9130 or 1-800-665-0531

Please contact Cyd Avendano, FIPPA Coordinator at (204) 945-3767 should you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Manitoba Finance