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Re: Applications for Access under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) – Our File Number 63-16FIN.

Your FIPPA applications were received by Manitoba Finance on October 14, 2016, seeking access to the following records:

63-16FIN

“All records regarding the Red Tape Reduction Task Force including, but not limited to, mandate and terms of reference.”

On November 14, 2016 you were advised that Manitoba Finance is taking a 30-day extension until December 14, 2016 to complete your request, as authorized by section 15(1)(c) of FIPPA.

Please be advised that your request for access has been granted in part. Enclosed is a copy of a record responsive to your request. You will notice that some information in the record was protected in part subsequent to Section 23 of FIPPA.

Subsections 23(1)(a)(b)(f) of FIPPA protects information that could reasonably be expected to reveal the advice and opinions developed by or for the public body or a minister; the information may also reveal consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of the public; and may include the proposed plans or policies of a public body which could reasonably be expected to result in disclosure of a pending policy.

Manitoba Finance has also located records that are protected in full by subsections 19(1)(b)(e) of FIPPA, which prohibits Manitoba Finance from disclosing discussion papers, policy analyses and proposals submitted or prepared for submission to Cabinet. The subsection also protects records prepared to brief a minister about a matter that is before or is proposed to be brought before Cabinet or that is the subject of communications among ministers relating directly to the formulation of government policy was also protected.

Lastly, a record related to your request is publicly available. Please see the December 6, 2016 News Release about the members and mandate of the Red Tape Reduction Task Force, accessible through this link: <http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=&item=40070>

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

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**Relevant provisions of
*The Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)***

Extending the time limit for responding

15(1) The head of a public body may extend the time for responding to a request for up to an additional 30 days, or for a longer period if the Ombudsman agrees, if

(c) time is needed to consult with a third party or another public body before deciding whether or not to grant access to a record; or

Cabinet confidences

19(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal the substance of deliberations of Cabinet, including

(b) discussion papers, policy analyses, proposals, advice or similar briefing material submitted or prepared for submission to Cabinet;

(e) a record prepared to brief a minister about a matter that is before, or is proposed to be brought before, Cabinet or that is the subject of communications among ministers relating directly to government decisions or the formulation of government policy.

Advice to a public body

23(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal

(a) advice, opinions, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for the public body or a minister;

(b) consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of the public body or a minister;

(f) 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.