



Finance

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Re: Application for Access under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) – Our File Number 67-16FIN.

Your FIPPA application was received by Manitoba Finance on October 18, 2016 and seeks access to the following records:

“All records – including but not limited to receipts, order forms, and financial statements – pertaining to the purchase of ‘Your Province, Your Plan’ signage. Records should indicate where funds were drawn from.”

Please be advised that your request for access has been granted in part. Enclosed is a copy of the paid invoice indicating the cost for the signages of \$339.00 was paid for by the Fiscal Research Division of Manitoba Finance.

Information on the invoice has been protected under third party business interests as per subsection 18(1)(b)(c)(i)(ii)(iii). Releasing the information would reveal confidential third party unit pricing that could harm its competitive financial position as well as its future contractual negotiations.

Information is also protected under 28(1)(b) as it would reveal government’s internal financial codes and account numbers. Because these codes and numbers are used only by the Government of Manitoba, they are proprietary and protected.

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

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

Disclosure harmful to a third party's business interests

18(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal

- (b) commercial, financial, labour relations, scientific or technical information supplied to the public body by a third party, explicitly or implicitly, on a confidential basis and treated consistently as confidential information by the third party; or
- (c) commercial, financial, labour relations, scientific or technical information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to
 - (i) harm the competitive position of a third party,
 - (ii) interfere with contractual or other negotiations of a third party,
 - (iii) result in significant financial loss or gain to a third party,

Disclosure harmful to economic and other interests of a public body

28(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the economic or financial interests or negotiating position of a public body or the Government of Manitoba, including the following information:

- (b) financial, commercial, scientific, technical or other information in which a public body or the Government of Manitoba has a proprietary interest or right of use;