



Finance

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Re: Application for Access under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) – Our File Number 72-16FIN.

Your FIPPA application was received by Manitoba Finance on October 19, 2016 and seeks access to the following records:

“All records, including but not limited to reports, analysis, briefing notes, and advisory notes, that support the claim that ‘the government has taken almost 3,000 low-income wage earners off the tax (roll) altogether with our first budget’, as stated by the Minister of Growth, Enterprise and Trade and the Minister for Families, during Question Period, on October 18, 2016.”

Please be advised that the information you requested is publicly available in the Tax Measures section (Budget Paper C) of Manitoba Budget 2016. It can be accessed online through: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/finance/budget16/papers/taxation.pdf>. In this regard, Part 2, Access to Information, of FIPPA does not apply, as per Section 6(2) of the Act.

Manitoba Finance further searched its records and found a document that would be responsive to your request. However, the record is being withheld in full as it contains information that is subject to exceptions under subsections 23(1)(a) and (f) of FIPPA. Accordingly, your request for access is being refused.

Subsection 23(1)(a) protects the information containing advice, analysis and recommendations made for the Finance Minister. On the other hand, subsection 23(1)(f) protects the information containing proposed plans, the disclosure of which would reveal pending budgetary decisions.

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)***

Part does not apply to publicly available information

6(2) This Part does not apply to information that is available to the public free of charge or for purchase.

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;
- (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.