



Finance

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Re: Application for Access under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) – Our File Number 79-16FIN.

On November 2, 2016, Manitoba Finance received your request for access to the following records:

“Please provide copies of all communication between Manitoba Finance, Tobacco Tax Dept, and Barry Draward, specifically any letter, email, or communication relating to compliance by Grand River Enterprises with the 2001 Federal Excise Act, and any conduct of Grand River Enterprises.”

On November 16, 2016 you clarified with our FIPPA Coordinator that you are looking for any record of communication in 2016, referencing Grand River Enterprises in relation to any Excise Tax matter.

Manitoba Finance has searched its files and can advise that it did not locate any records that were responsive to your request. When no records exist, a request is deemed to be refused as per subsection 12(1)(c)(i) of FIPPA. I would like to further advise that Manitoba Finance does not engage in the enforcement of any federal statute, the Federal Excise Act of 2001 included.

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

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

Contents of response

12(1) In a response under section 11, the head of the public body shall inform the applicant

(c) if access to the record or part of the record is refused,

(i) in the case of a record that does not exist or cannot be located, that the record does not exist or cannot be located,