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Re: Application for Access under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA) – Our File Number 93-16FIN.

Your FIPPA application was received by Manitoba Finance on November 30, 2016 and seeks access to the following records:

“All records created or received by the deputy minister since August 1, 2016 regarding a replacement for the provincial balanced budget law eliminated in the spring.”

On December 29, 2016 you were advised that Manitoba Finance will be taking an extension until January 28, 2017 to complete your request, as authorized under subsection 15(1)(b) of FIPPA.

Manitoba Finance has searched its files and can advise that records were located pertaining to your request. However, the records are protected under specific exception to disclosure provisions under section 19 of FIPPA as they would reveal the substance of deliberations of cabinet. Accordingly, your request is hereby refused.

Subsection 19(1)(b) protects policy analyses, proposals, advice and similar briefing materials submitted or prepared for submission to Cabinet. Subsection 19(1)(e) protects the records prepared to brief a minister about a matter that is before, or is proposed to be brought before, Cabinet.

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)***

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.