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Jacque Edwards  
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Dear Ms. Edwards:

Re: Your file 292-30/FIN-06225

I have received your letter dated October 30, 2006, in which you state that for those records that are in the custody of the Ministry of Finance an extended time limit is necessary in accordance with Section 10 of the Act so as to consult with other public bodies. Those parts of my request which have been referred to the Ministries of Health and Education now have time limits of December 4, 2006, while the portion which remains with the Ministry of Finance now has a time limit of December 13<sup>th</sup>.

In my experience with FOI requests, the excuse of consulting with another public body is almost standard. That abuse was discussed at the recent BC Information Summit where the Commissioner announced the new policy which takes effect today on deemed refusals.

I am curious which public bodies must be consulted with in order to satisfy my request as it pertains to those documents in the custody of the Ministry of Finance. This is a new request under the terms of the Act for any emails, memorandums or other documents to any public body with respect to my request for information designated as your file 292-30/FIN-06225. Since this is a new request made on November 1<sup>st</sup>, it falls within the new policy of the Commissioner with respect to deemed refusals. I look forward to learning what questions were put to which public bodies with respect to my information request concerning own-source and school-generated revenues.

Sincerely,

David D. Schreck