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Information and Privacy Commissioner
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by registered mail

Dear Commissioner:

Re: Request for Information, Ministry of Finance reference 292-30/FIN-06225

I request a review of what appears to be a refusal to disclose information.

I enclose the following documents:

- 1) My request dated and faxed September 17, 2006,
- 2) My fax cover sheet with a note dated October 4, 2006,
- 3) Ministry of Finance acknowledgement dated October 5, 2006,
- 4) Ministry of Finance referral to Ministry of Education dated October 18, 2006,
- 5) Ministry of Finance referral to Ministry of Health dated October 18, 2006,
- 6) Ministry of Education acknowledgement dated October 20, 2006,
- 7) Ministry of Health acknowledgement dated October 23, 2006,
- 8) My letter to the Ministry of Finance dated October 23, 2006,
- 9) Ministry of Finance letter dated October 30, 2006,
- 10) My letter to the Ministry of Finance dated November 1, 2006,
- 11) Ministry of Education response dated December 4, 2006 and 3 accompanying documents,
- 12) Ministry of Health response dated December 4, 2006.

Page 12 of the Ministry of Finance's *First Quarterly Report 2006/07* identified an increase in own-source revenue for school districts and health authorities totaling \$287 million more over three years than was identified in February's budget. My request for information is for any documents that explain or common on that increase as well as for any documents that detail the composition of own-source revenue for school districts and health authorities.

A month after my original request the Ministry of Finance referred it to the Ministries of Health and Education. I thanked the Ministry but asked it to also take a second look for any documents it had. In its letter of October 30 the Ministry of Finance acknowledged my request for a second look but said that the need to consult other public bodies required an extension of the time limits. My letter of November 1 is a further information request in which I asked for evidence of that consultation. The Ministry of Health's response of December 4 appears to contradict the Ministry of Finance's letter of October 18th when it says "The numbers reported in the First Quarter Report were developed by the Ministry of Finance ..."

I look forward to the assistance of your staff in resolving this appeal.

Sincerely,

David D. Schreck

cc: Jacquie Edwards, Director Information Planning and Services,
Ministry of Finance (by fax to 250 356-8201)