



August 3, 2007

Reference No. 292-30/HSE-07-089

David D. Schreck
145 East Windsor Road
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Dear David D. Schreck:

**Re: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act
Request for Records**

I am writing regarding your request submitted under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) for the following records:

The total number of people for each rate of MSP premium assistance as of December 31, 2006, as per the Tax Policy Branch table received in the previous FOI Request # FIN -06305, submitted to the Ministry of Finance.

In addition to completing the 2006 table by adding the number of people, any memorandums, e-mails or other documents that discuss errors in the number of MSP contracts, or errors in eligibility records for MSP, of the type identified in the accompanying article.

Enclosed please find the records responsive to your request. Please note the following:

- There are different categories and codes that identify the level of premium assistance provided under MSP contracts.
- We can provide you with a comparison based on the Ministry of Health's system. These numbers are not directly comparable to the table produced by the Ministry of Finance as they would have used different assumptions to condense the information.
- We cannot provide you with a direct comparison, as we do not have information on what assumptions the Ministry of Finance used to combine contract codes in order to create the table in 2002.

I trust that no further action with regard to your file is required of this office. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Foster, Information and Privacy Officer, at (250) 952-3360.

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Under section 52 of the Act, you may apply to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) for a review of the Ministry's response to your request. You have 30 days from receipt of this notice to request a review by writing to the OIPC. The procedure is outlined on the enclosed page.

Sincerely,

Anita Foster



for:

Deb McGinnis
Director

Gale, Catherine HLTH:EX

From: May, Stephen PAB:EX
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2007 1:17 PM
To: Szolnianszky, Margaret N. HLTH:EX; Gale, Catherine HLTH:EX
Cc: Plank, Sarah A PAB:EX
Subject: MSP 2001 numbers - Finance vs. MSP contracts

There are significant discrepancies between the numbers supplied by Finance for 2001 and for MSP through the RAPCPM3-1 Report. This would explain why there was such a large difference between the 2001 Finance numbers and the 2006 R & PB number - since the Finance number is way low.

It is likely we'll see similar numbers for the individuals.

Here are the numbers (all of these are 2001 numbers)

Rate Code	Finance	MSP	Difference
A+D	427,586	448,716**	+21,130
B	49,342	49,347	+5
C	1,332,944	1,480,317	+147,373
F	37,435	37,323	-112
G	28,287	27,838	-449
E	19,990	19,501	-489
H	123,591	126,870	+3,279
Total	2,019,175	2,189,993	+170,818

** $(437,271+11,445)$ (A+D is combined in the Finance Note in 2001 so I had to combine them here as well).

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**Comparison of Persons Covered
As at Dec 31, 2001 and December 31, 2006
By Medical Services Plan by Premium Assistance Code**

	December 31, 2001	December 31, 2006
100% subsidy (A) *	497,533	819,288
100% subsidy (D) **	21,076	1,909
80% subsidy (B)	68,162	47,906
60% subsidy (F)	54,208	38,751
40% subsidy (G)	41,250	30,763
20% subsidy (E)	29,558	25,136
Subtotal of Persons Subsidized	711,787	963,753
First Nations	108,808	123,130
Non-Status First Nations	7,250	6,437
Ministry of Employment & Income Assistance	254,453	156,021
Total Persons Subsidized	1,082,298	1,249,341
No Assistance (C)	2,899,319	3,016,078
Total Persons	3,981,617	4,265,419

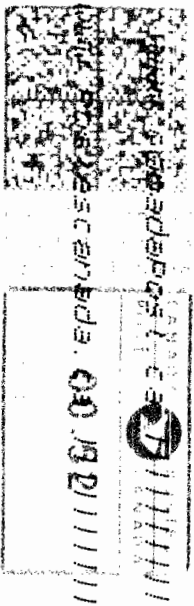
Source: Ministry of Health

*Include persons automatically receiving a 100% subsidy for six months following end of coverage through Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance. This number was 41,232 at Dec 31/01 and 16,868 at Dec 31/06.

** Temporary Premium Assistance

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