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VIA MAIL

Canadian Taxpayer Federation  
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Winnipeg MB R3C 0E2

Attention: Hilary Henley

Dear Madam:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part 2 of  
*The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:  
(Our File No. 2010-136)

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This is to confirm that on June 10, 2010, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority received your request for access to the following records:

**2010-136**

Please provide documentation on the following:

- 1) The number of stabbing victims treated at Winnipeg hospitals for 2007, 2008, and 2009.
- 2) The number of shooting victims treated at Winnipeg hospitals for 2007, 2008, and 2009.
- 3) The cost of treating stabbing victims at Winnipeg hospitals for 2007, 2008, and 2009.
- 4) The cost of treating shooting victims at Winnipeg hospitals for 2007, 2008, and 2009.

WRHA does not maintain detailed costing information related to specific individual's care/treatment. Therefore, costing information for treating stabbing and shooting victims is not available and access to these records is refused; as the information in these records falls within the following exceptions to disclosure in *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

- 12(1)** In a response under section 11, the head of the public body shall inform the applicant
- (c) if access to 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.

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in part. As you requested a copy of these records, and as they can reasonably be reproduced, in accordance with clause 14(1)(a) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* a copy of the records is enclosed.

Subsection 59(1) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* provides that you may make a complaint about our decision respecting your request 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  
982-9130  
1-800-665-0531

If you have any questions, please contact Landis Esposito, Access and Privacy Coordinator, at 4<sup>th</sup> Floor - 650 Main Street, Winnipeg MB R3B 1E2 (926-7049).

Sincerely,



Arlene Wilgosh  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
and Access and Privacy Officer

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Encl.

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### RESPONSE:

<b>Stabbing and Shooting Victims Treated in Winnipeg Hospitals</b> <i>(note 1)</i>			
	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>
<b>Stabbing Victims Treated</b>			
▪ Number of Cases	246	244	266
<b>Shooting Victims Treated</b>	<b>2007/2008</b>	<b>2008/2009</b>	<b>2009/2010</b>
▪ Number of Cases	73	54	55

Data Source: WRHA Hospital Abstract Discharge Database

As at Date: June 22, 2010

**Note 1:** The reported number of stabbing and shooting victims treated at Winnipeg hospitals accounts for all patients regardless of the manner in which their injuries were obtained. For example, some of the injuries may be intentionally or accidentally self-inflicted, caused by other people being careless or as a result of an assault. Injuries of undetermined intent are also included. One patient had both shooting and stabbing injuries. Count was attributed to the Shooting category.