



June 9, 2004

Mr. David MacLean  
105 - 438 Victoria Avenue  
REGINA SK S4N 0N7

**Re: Application Number Fin16/04G**

Dear Mr. MacLean :

Your request for information relating to the economic impact of increasing the Provincial Sales Tax was received in this office on May 11, 2004.

Sections 16 (1) (a), (c) and (d) of *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) states:

“16(1) A head shall refuse to give access to a record that discloses a confidence of the Executive Council, including:

- (a) records created to present advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options to the Executive Council or any of its committees;
- (c) records of consultations among members of the Executive Council on matters that relate to the making of government decisions, or the formulation of government policy, or records that reflect those consultations;
- (d) records that contain briefing to members of the Executive Council in relation to matters that:
  - (i) are before, or are proposed to be brought before, the Executive Council or any of its committees; or
  - (ii) are the subject of consultations described in clause (c).”

Section 17 (1) (a) and (b) of the Act states:

“17(1) Subject to subsection (2), a head may refuse to give access to a record that could reasonably be expected to disclose:

- (a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a government institution or a member of Executive Council;


- (b) consultations or deliberations involving:
  - (i) officers or employees of a government institution;
  - (ii) a member of the Executive Council; or
  - (iii) the staff of a member of the Executive Council;”

Access to the information you have requested is denied as the documents in question fall under the above provisions of the Act.

If you wish to request a review of this action, you may do so within one year of this notice. To request a review, please complete a “Request for Review” form, which is available at the same location where you applied for access. Your request should be sent to the Information and Privacy Commissioner, #100 – 1230 Blackfoot Drive, REGINA SK S4S 7G4.

Further correspondence on this request should be directed to me at 909 - 2350 Albert Street, REGINA SK S4P 4A6, or telephone (306) 787-6530.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Van Sickle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bill Van Sickle  
Access Officer