



Health and Social Services
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

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Applicant c/o
Access and Privacy Officer
Corporate Information Management, ATIPP Office

SUBJECT: Final Response Access Request 21-396

Decision

The Department of Health and Social Services has searched the Minister of Health and Social Services, the Deputy Minister and the Assistant Deputy Minister for Corporate Services and has identified records responsive to Access Request 21-396. The final response on the information is as follows:

Records Withheld in Full

The Department of Health and Social Services is withholding access in full to records relating to the request noted below:

I am making this request under the auspices of the following sections of the Access to Information and Privacy Act: Section 74(2)(n), 82 and 83. I would like a copy of all communications from the Chief Medical Officer of Health to the Department's Yukon Communicable Disease Control branch regarding public health recommendations related to Covid-19.

Timeframe: September 1, 2021 - November 8, 2021.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please include the Minister, the Deputy Minister and ADM Corporate Services, and any recommendations pertaining to a mask mandate, vaccine mandate and declaring a state of emergency.

Information has been withheld pursuant to the following sections of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:

- 67(3)(a) – a Cabinet record with information that would reveal the substance of Cabinet deliberations
- 67(3)(b) – information contained in a record other than a Cabinet record with information that would reveal the substance of Cabinet deliberations
- 74(1)(a) – contains advice or recommendations prepared by or for a public body or a minister

Pursuant to section 66 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* you may contact Yukon's Information and Privacy Commissioner with a complaint in respect to this response. Section 66 states:

An applicant may, in respect of the head of a responsive public body's response to their access request under section 64, make a complaint to the commissioner by filing the complaint in accordance with section 90.

Should you wish to do so, please refer your written complaint within 30 business days to the Information and Privacy Commissioner at:

Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner
3162 Third Avenue, Main Floor, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 1G3
E-mail: intake@yukonombudsman.ca
Phone: (867) 667-8468; (toll free: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 8468)

There is no cost to the applicant.

Contact Person in Department

If the applicant has any questions, please contact Emily MacLeod, Designated Access Officer for Department of Health and Social Services at 867-667-5919 or Emily.MacLeod@yukon.ca.



Stephen Samis
Deputy Minister, Health and Social Services