



Department of Environment
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6

March 2, 2023

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

RE: Final Response Access Request #22-649

Decision

The Department of Environment has searched Animal Health Unit and Policy, Planning and Implementation Branch and has identified records responsive to Access Request #22-649. The final response on the information is as follows:

Access Granted in Part

The Department of Environment is granting access in part to information relating to the request noted below:

On the open Yukon site, where the 2016 Wildlife Risk Assessment from the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative is located, there is a statement precluding the report that reads : "This report was produced by the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative for the Department of Environment and explores the disease risks related to interaction between wild sheep and domestic sheep and goats. This report does not represent the current policy direction of the Government of Yukon. Staff of the departments of environment and energy, mines and resources are currently evaluating this report and will develop specific plans and recommendations based on the information presented here..." I would like to see the communication between environment and EMR regarding the issuance of this statement, including emails, interdepartmental memos, briefing notes, etc. What is the rationale behind this statement? Why does the policy not follow the recommendations that were made in the report? Thank you.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ENV: Please confirm that you want your request limited to responsive records between Environment and EMR specific to the quoted statement from the 2016 Wildlife Risk Assessment.

APP: I don't want to limit the response at all, and I just don't know how to communicate very well I'm sure. How do I say that I want anything related to where that statement was derived....?

ENV: If you want to capture anything related to the statement of interest, you could request all records that reference this particular report. This would then include any internal communications and documents within Environment, not just interactions with EMR. For example, it might include the original contract with the consultant which could possibly contain information.

APP: Yes please to what you have suggested to capture the discussions... so including November 1, 2015 to October 31, 2016.

NARROWED SCOPE:

Response from App: Regarding the note about the Risk Assessment report copies being excluded to reduce the number of pages, yes, please do that. I am very familiar with that document.

Some of the records you requested contain information that has been withheld from disclosure under the ATIPP Act. We have severed the excepted information so that we could disclose to you the remaining information in the records. The records have been withheld pursuant the following sections under the Access to Information and Protection Privacy Act (ATIPP Act):

ATIPP ACT PROVISION	REASON
S70 Third party personal information	Third party names, email addresses, phone numbers, signatures and employment and education history have been withheld because their release would be an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy.
S74 Policy advice and recommendation	Information that would reveal recommendations and advice prepared by or for a public body or a minister has been withheld.
S77 Disclosure harmful to third party business interests	Details of a third party bid proposal has been withheld because its release could harm the negotiating position of a third party and result in undue financial loss or gain.

The detailed sections supporting the decision to withhold the information are available online at https://laws.yukon.ca/cms/images/LEGISLATION/PRINCIPAL/2018/2018-0009/2018-0009_1.pdf.

There is no charge to the applicant.

Right to Complain

Pursuant to section 66 of the ATIPP Act, you may complain to Yukon's Information and Privacy Commissioner in respect of this response within 30 business days of receiving this notice by contacting:

Yukon Information and Privacy Commissioner
3162 Third Avenue, Main Floor
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1G3
Phone: (867) 667-8468
Email: intake@ombudsman.yk.ca
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Contact Person in Department

If you feel that your request has not been answered completely or that you require further clarification, please contact Gwen Rempel, Access and Privacy Analyst at 867-393-6305 Number or env-atipp@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Manon Moreau', with a large, stylized initial 'M'.

Manon Moreau
Deputy Minister of Environment