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Colin Craig
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Dear Mr. Craig :

Re: Application for Access under The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) - (Our File No. 22-10)

Your FIPPA application to Manitoba Finance was received on March 8, 2010 and seeks access to the following records:

“Please provide documentation on the portion of the “levy for health and education” which comes from the private sector and the portion that comes from the public sector. If possible, please provide a breakdown of public sector contributors to the levy.”

Manitoba Finance is pleased to grant your information request in part. Private sector contributions to the Health and Post Secondary Education Tax Levy (HET) account for approximately 55 per cent of the \$357 million raised in the 2008/09 fiscal year, and the public sector accounts for the remainder.

With respect to providing a breakdown of public sector contributors to the HET, Manitoba Finance is prohibited from releasing this type of information because it could reasonably be expected to identify a taxpayer, in contravention of mandatory taxpayer confidentiality provisions found in section 18(2) of FIPPA and section 6(1) of the *Tax Administration and Miscellaneous Taxes Act*.

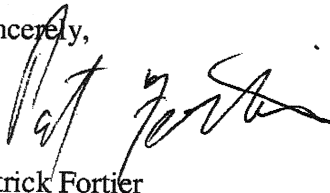
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Subsection 59(1) of FIPPA states that you may make a complaint about this decision respecting your request for access to the Manitoba Ombudsman. You have 60 days from the receipt of this letter to make a complaint on the prescribed form to:

Manitoba Ombudsman
750 – 500 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg MB R3C 3X1
(204) 982-9130
1-800-665-0531

Please contact me at 945-1415 should you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat Fortier", written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Fortier
Access and Privacy Coordinator
Manitoba Finance