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Dear Mr. Craig:

## Re: Your Access to Information Request JU 009-14G

Thank you for your access to information request received April 29, 2014 in the Freedom of Information and Privacy Branch for the Ministry of Justice, which state as follows:

Please provide documentation on photo radar revenues to date as well as documentation on how those funds have been spent.

Further to our letter of May 28, 2014, as well our conversation from June 26, 2014, this letter is to inform you that in response to your request, the Ministry made a query to its data base containing traffic violation revenues. As of May 23, 2014, there was \$529,478 in automated speed enforcement fines paid, this includes non-monetary payments as well. An example of non-monetary payment would be the individual registering with the fine option program to work off the fine or for the individual to serve time. As this program is relatively new, staff has advised that it is not likely there have been any situations where time has been served.

In response to the latter part of your question, we made several inquiries to determine if there was a way to estimate how the funds were spent. Unfortunately we were unable to come up with any reliable way to estimate this.



The photo radar revenue to the Province from fines issued on provincial highways in Saskatchewan is paid into the General Revenue Fund. If the photo radar is set up in a construction zone within a city or town, there are provisions for the municipality to receive fine revenue. In these instances, seventy-five percent of the revenue would be payable to the city or town and twenty-five percent would be held back and paid into the General Revenue Fund. The Ministry would have no way of determining how the



Municipality spent the revenue from the fines. In all cases the victim fine surcharge amount on these fines is paid into the Victim Services Fund.

For your information, I have included a copy of the news release and related documents issued July 15, 2013, with regards to the introduction of photo radar in Saskatchewan work zones. You may note that the goal of the program is to motivate drivers to obey the law, which will ultimately make the work zone safer and potentially save the life of a worker or motorist.

Should 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 any ministry office or a downloadable version is available from http://www.oipc.sk.ca/forms.htm. Your request should be sent to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner 1801 Hamilton Street, Suite 503 REGINA SK S4P 4B4

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Hutchings, Director, Access and Privacy at (306) 787-0391 or via mail to:

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Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

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