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Re: **Your request for Access to Information under Part 2 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act: Our File 2016-63**

On June 17, 2016, Manitoba Justice received your access request under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA), for the following:

"All records reflecting costs that pertain to the most recent government transition. This includes direct costs related to recruiting, hiring, and relocation allowances as well as office renovation and staff relocation, office supplies, and departmental consolidation instances when departments were combined."

We can advise that although direct costs for government transition are not specifically tracked by the department; we conducted a search on costs identified in your request and access is granted to the following information:

Recruiting and Hiring Related to Transition:

In response to that part of your request regarding the recruiting and hiring of staff, the following information is published and available to the public according to provisions in *The Civil Service Act* for the technical appointment of political staff. Political staff are appointed by an Order in Council under Section 32 of the Act:

Appointment of deputy ministers, etc., and other technical officers

32 Unless they are appointed by Act of the Legislature, the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint

(a) deputy ministers, the Clerk of the Executive Council, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, and other technical officers; and

(b) the members, or members of the board of management or boards of directors, of agencies of the government with respect to which any provision of this Act has been brought into force.

Regulations respecting technical officers

33(1) The commission shall make regulations designating the positions that shall be deemed to be those of technical officers.

Schedule A of *The Technical Officers Designation Regulation* designates positions that are deemed to be those of technical officers which states:

2(1) For the purposes of subsection 33(1) of the Act, the following positions are designated as positions deemed to be those of technical officers:

- (a) executive assistants;
- (b) special assistants;
- (c) special advisors;
- (d) staff of the Executive Council appointed pursuant to section 32 of the Act;
- (e) any positions selected for appointment pursuant to s. 32 of the Act from among those positions and classifications designated as being excluded from the terms of any collection agreement.

Orders in Council include the name, position and salary range of technical officers. Orders in Council from May 2, 2016 to present are available online, and they may be found on the Manitoba Government website here: <http://oic.gov.mb.ca/oic/>

Office Renovation & Staff Relocation:

With respect to office renovation and staff relocation we can advise that costs incurred for purchases and/or renovations related to office and staff relocations at the Legislative Building are funded by the Accommodations Services Division and we are advised that information will be provided to you directly by the Department of Finance.

Other Costs:


The following table provides costs up to and including June 23, 2016 identified as actual costs related to the government transition. Some commitments/costs have not yet been paid or charged to our department, such as changing of email accounts for new programs added to the department. Those amounts are reflected in the commitment/costs pending column below.

Expenditure	Manitoba Justice Actual Costs	Manitoba Justice Commitment/Costs Pending
Telecommunications – cell phones – Minister & Special Assistant	915.77	Nil
Furniture and furnishings	Nil	Nil
Office supplies – i.e. Business cards – Minister & Special Assistant	142.12	Nil
Office Supplies i.e. Business Cards/letterhead – new program areas	323.09	Approx cost 690.00 for business cards/letterhead not yet received
Approx cost to change email accounts for new programs added to Manitoba Justice	Nil	Approx pending cost of 428.54

In the interest of the Government of Manitoba's commitment to openness and transparency, this response letter will be made available on our proactive disclosure website. Any personal or other confidential information belonging to you or a third party will be removed prior to disclosure.

If you have any questions, please contact our FIPPA Access & Privacy Coordinator, Ms Debbie Haddad at 204 945-2892 or by mail at 1110-405 Broadway, Winnipeg, MB R3C 3L6.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lavonne Ross".

Lavonne Ross
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FIPPA Access Officer

c: Ms D. Haddad