

**VIA EMAIL** 

December 23, 2021

## [applicant information]

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Re: Request for Records: BCLC File 21-049

British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC) writes further to your November 29, 2021 request under B.C.'s Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and BCLC's two letters of same date.

You requested:

"...records and databases on all suspected money laundering transactions at the province's casinos, since Jan. 1, 2015 – with dates, locations, amounts, etc..."

BCLC sought clarification on your use of the phrase "suspected money laundering transactions" and asked that if you were seeking a certain type of record or records, you identify the same to BCLC. You responded to that request for clarification via email on December 9, 2021, stating that:

"I do not know the names of the records available; perhaps you could inform me."

Section 5 of FIPPA requires that, in order to obtain access to records, the applicant must make a written request that provides sufficient detail to enable an experienced employee of the public body, with a reasonable effort, to identify the records sought. Without a workable parameter to identify the specific records you are seeking, BCLC is unable to conduct a search. Accordingly, BCLC has no records responsive to your request.

To assist your understanding of BCLC's response, please note that BCLC is not the regulatory authority responsible for investigating or prosecuting money laundering. BCLC records activity as it relates to gaming. Where that activity meets certain reporting criteria established in accordance with provincial and federal legislation, BCLC produces records that it submits to the appropriate regulatory authority. However, the creation of those records does not necessarily mean that BCLC suspected any particular criminal event was occurring as that is not a matter that BCLC has the authority to conclude.

To assist you with your information needs, BCLC is referring you to a large body of material that is publicly available regarding the broad subject matter of your request. For example, you may wish to review the information posted to BCLC's website at the following link:

## **BCLC's Anti-Money Laundering Commitment**

Additionally, BCLC has provided numerous records to the Commission of Inquiry into Money Laundering in British Columbia (the Commission). You may wish to review the information posted to the Commission's website at the following link:

## Cullencommission.ca

This response will be published a minimum of five business days after release at: <a href="https://corporate.bclc.com/who-we-are/corporate-reports/reports-disclosures.html">https://corporate.bclc.com/who-we-are/corporate-reports/reports-disclosures.html</a>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding BCLC's processing of your request, please contact me at CPenkert@bclc.com, via mail or at (250) 852-5370.

Additionally, under section 52 of FIPPA, you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this reply to your request for information. You have 30 business days from the receipt of this notice to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia P.O. Box 9038, Station Provincial Government Victoria, BC V8W 9A4

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Sincerely,

## [original signed by]

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