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**VIA EMAIL**

October 27, 2022

[applicant information]

Re: Request for Records: BCLC File 22-042

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British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC) writes further to your October 7, 2022 request under B.C.'s *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA).

You requested:

"...the number of \$3 play purchased or free-plays together for historical 649 games in 2022. In other words, I want to know how many tickets are purchased. It is useful to find out how many plays are in one game because it will help me what were the odds (the one-million guaranteed or/gold ball white ball prize)..."

As indicated in its acknowledgement letter, BCLC is interpreting your request to be for:

The number of \$3 plays for each Lotto 6/49 draw (both including and excluding free plays) across Canada for all draws between January 1, 2022 and October 7, 2022.

In accordance with section 6(2) of FIPPA, BCLC has created a record, enclosed, in response to your request. The record represents information pertaining to the Lotto 6/49 game. The information is categorized into the following columns: draw date, national number of plays sold (including free plays), national number of plays sold (excluding free plays), between January 1, 2022 to October 7, 2022.

In your original request wording, you indicated that you intend to use this record to better understand the odds of winning the guaranteed \$1 million prize and the Gold Ball prize. If you are seeking information on the odds of winning the Lotto 6/49 game, please refer to BCLC's website for more information at:

<https://lotto.bclc.com/lotto-649-and-extra/prizes-and-odds.html>

BCLC notes that it only collects the information described above for the province of B.C. Hence, some information in the records originated from other provincial lottery corporations and was not independently audited by BCLC for the purpose of this request.

These records may be published a minimum of five business days after release at:

<https://corporate.bclc.com/who-we-are/corporate-reports/reports-disclosures.html>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding BCLC's processing of your request, please contact me at [adawong@bclc.com](mailto:adawong@bclc.com), via mail or at (250) 828-5674.

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  
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Sincerely,  
[original signed by]

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Enclosure



## FOI 22-042 Lotto 6/49 Number of Play Sold

Draw Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Number of \$3 Play Sold (excluding free plays)	Number of \$3 Play Sold (including free plays)
2022-01-01	4,990,946	5,576,020
2022-01-05	4,698,233	5,427,228
2022-01-08	5,609,412	6,273,023
2022-01-12	5,759,828	6,480,010
2022-01-15	3,796,941	4,435,758
2022-01-19	3,280,204	3,801,713
2022-01-22	3,996,420	4,487,125
2022-01-26	3,750,738	4,317,698
2022-01-29	4,487,671	5,015,188
2022-02-02	3,458,135	4,023,184
2022-02-05	3,762,236	4,272,845
2022-02-09	3,464,957	4,029,685
2022-02-12	5,415,557	5,954,706
2022-02-16	3,865,817	4,474,687
2022-02-19	4,342,048	4,836,604
2022-02-23	4,208,468	4,772,669
2022-02-26	5,152,899	5,724,322
2022-03-02	3,367,683	4,000,520
2022-03-05	3,869,245	4,362,857
2022-03-09	3,515,813	4,058,245
2022-03-12	3,748,939	4,228,032
2022-03-16	3,383,461	3,905,920
2022-03-19	3,822,112	4,335,556
2022-03-23	3,466,309	4,015,375
2022-03-26	5,276,500	5,852,256
2022-03-30	4,212,237	4,908,026
2022-04-02	4,936,777	5,568,503
2022-04-06	4,358,230	5,011,675
2022-04-09	3,874,314	4,438,033
2022-04-13	3,506,457	4,033,191
2022-04-16	4,089,458	4,553,321



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2022-04-20	3,305,373	3,832,704
2022-04-23	3,824,040	4,302,764
2022-04-27	3,530,936	4,035,142
2022-04-30	4,256,026	4,714,660
2022-05-04	3,355,562	3,898,874
2022-05-07	4,638,592	5,115,965
2022-05-11	3,502,600	4,076,715
2022-05-14	4,212,567	4,708,093
2022-05-18	3,270,750	3,807,751
2022-05-21	3,777,739	4,225,525
2022-05-25	3,355,118	3,849,264
2022-05-28	4,350,026	4,819,317
2022-06-01	3,385,022	3,926,379
2022-06-04	3,899,894	4,369,063
2022-06-08	3,394,703	3,897,305
2022-06-11	3,740,741	4,142,400
2022-06-15	3,484,874	3,960,534
2022-06-18	3,707,218	4,194,079
2022-06-22	3,385,968	3,903,913
2022-06-25	3,807,596	4,288,524
2022-06-29	3,830,349	4,356,576
2022-07-02	4,348,379	4,819,661
2022-07-06	3,981,989	4,575,343
2022-07-09	4,657,184	5,122,997
2022-07-13	3,309,093	3,870,493
2022-07-16	4,068,654	4,533,965
2022-07-20	3,491,189	4,000,231
2022-07-23	4,336,821	4,816,783
2022-07-27	3,883,695	4,429,469
2022-07-30	4,770,472	5,279,068
2022-08-03	3,240,353	3,809,727

