



Office of the
Information and Privacy
Commissioner of Alberta

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Public Body's decision to refuse fee waiver affirmed

An Adjudicator with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has confirmed a decision by Alberta Justice and Attorney General to refuse a fee waiver request following an access request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP).

An individual had requested records related to the government's strategy to replace incumbent justices of the peace. The Public Body identified over 7,000 possible responsive records and provided a fee estimate of just over \$5,000. After discussing the scope of the access request with the Applicant, a revised estimate of just over \$1,800 was offered.

Following an inquiry into the issue, Adjudicator Keri Ridley determined that given the breadth of the access request, the fee estimate was reasonable.

She confirmed the decision of the Public Body to refuse to waive the fees.

For a copy of Order F2010-005, please visit our website at www.oipc.ab.ca

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