

BACKGROUNDER #3 – OIPC BUDGET 2001 – 2006

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
Operating Budget 2000 - 2007**

Fiscal year	Budget-FOIPPA¹	FOIPPA Budget increase/decrease	Budget-PIPA²	Budget-Lobbyist Registry	Total Operating Budget	Total budget increase/decrease	Staff (FTEs)³	Comment
2000 – 2001	\$2,280,000		n/a		\$2,280,000		27	
2001 – 2002	\$2,344,000		n/a		\$2,344,000		27	
2002 – 2003	\$2,130,000	10% cut	n/a	\$97,000	\$2,227,000		27	
2003 – 2004	\$1,875,000	10% cut	\$292,000	\$97,000	\$2,264,000		20	
2004 – 2005	\$1,639,000 ⁴	15% cut	\$512,000	\$97,000	\$2,248,000 ³		17	OIPC assumes responsibility for BC's new <i>Personal Information Protection Act</i> (PIPA), overseein the privacy practices of some 380,000 private sector organizations. First OIPC case backlog reported – 189 files.
2005 – 2006	\$1,568,000	5% drop	\$546,000	\$97,000	\$2,211,000		17	Case backlog 152 files
2006 – 2007	\$1,790,000	14% increase	\$613,000	\$100,000	\$2,503,000		19	
2007 - 2008	\$2,094,000	17% increase. Still more than 10% below 2001-2002	\$713,000	\$145,000	\$2,952,000		22	Operation of the computer system for the on-line lobbyist's registry, formerly operated by the Office of Attorney General, will be transferred to OIPC. Only \$30,500 of an estimated additional expense of \$100,000 funded.

¹ Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Public Sector)

² Personal Information Protection Act (Private Sector)

³ FTEs (full-time equivalent staff): Figures are from Legislature Estimates and may not match actual staff numbers at the Office of the Commissioner

⁴ Operating Budget for 2004-2005 includes \$115,000 supplementary funding for Patriot Act Investigation and extraordinary Judicial Review costs.