

Media Advisory

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Privacy Commissioner to release report on Ministry of Health privacy breach

VICTORIA—On Wednesday June 26 at 9:30 a.m., B.C. Information and Privacy Commissioner Elizabeth Denham will release *Investigation Report F13-02: Ministry of Health*.

The report will examine the personal information practices of the Ministry of Health in relation to three privacy breaches affecting more than four million British Columbians, which were investigated by the Commissioner's office. The report will also include a review of the ministry's data handling practices in relation to health research.

The report will not examine other issues such as alleged conflicts of interest, contracting and hiring issues currently under investigation by the Ministry of Health, as they are outside of the scope of the Commissioner's mandate under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

A provincewide news release will be issued summarizing the report.

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