



Second Report Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services

November 4, 2003

To the Honourable,
The Legislative Assembly of the
Province of British Columbia
Victoria, British Columbia

Honourable Members:

I have the honour to present herewith the *Second Report* of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services for the Fourth Session of the Thirty-Seventh Parliament.

The Committee held three meetings on the subject of special funding for the Information and Privacy Commissioner as he begins his statutory and oversight duties under the *Personal Information Protection Act* (PIPA) which comes into force on January 1, 2004. The request for special funding by the Information and Privacy Commissioner is intended to cover the planning and implementation costs associated with the Act and that of public education. Operational costs are the major component of the special funding request.

After careful consideration, the Committee unanimously recommends that **the Information and Privacy Commissioner be granted a sum of \$292,000.00 to defray the expenses of the implementation of the *Personal Information Protection Act* for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2004 to be allocated to the appropriate Vote by the Minister of Finance. It is understood that any unused amount would be returned to the Minister of Finance at the conclusion of the current fiscal year.**

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

Brenda Locke, MLA
Chair