

Subject Audit of BC Stats
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To bcauditor@bcauditor.com

To the Auditor General,

I have evidence regarding the real methods used by BC Stats to create population estimates which differ from the statements made by BC Stats and the Ministry responsible, the Ministry of Labour and Citizens' Services.

Several people who are familiar with Public Administration have suggested the Auditor General should investigate BC Stats and the Ministry responsible.

Could you please audit BC Stats. I can provide a written statement and evidence regarding the real methods used to create false population numbers, as well as the real methods used to create the numbers that BC Stats sends to Statistics Canada.

May I suggest that the investigation include why the Executive Director of BC Stats, Don McRae, purchased telephone landline hookup data from Telus, to be used along with electrical landline hookups from BC Hydro and Fortis, to estimate population change even though the Population Analyst for BC Stats showed this to be unreliable.

Also, please be sure to investigate why the Executive Director of BC Stats, Don McRae, asked the Deputy Minister to restrict the job posting for a new manager of the BC Stats Population Section to BC Stats employees only, thus ensuring that Dave O'Neil, a long time employee, would get the job. Indeed, a manager from within BC government contested the restriction but this was denied.

Also, BC Stats would send population numbers to the GVRD and Capital RD for review prior to publishing, then make changes. For example, telus data indicated that Richmond and Burnaby lost population; therefore, the Population analyst was ordered to remove people from high growth areas to move into Richmond and Burnaby.

Also, the new manager would go for long coffee breaks with the Population Section members, excluding the Population Analyst. The Population Analyst was not allowed to use the color printer after he printed a map showing spacial correlation, at the objection of the Cartographer, who in turn provided the color printer to another long time employee who printed color photos of a vacation.

Please be aware, as the Population Analyst for BC Stats, I made many improvements to the methods and models, reducing error as well as improving data management; however, my efforts were met with antagonism including aggressive yelling, removal from responsibility and from the contact list etc.

My disclosure made in a grievance to the Deputy Minister was stopped when I was ordered to close the office window, leave my computer on, gather my belongings, turn in my security pass, and leave the building.

I was ordered to return to work a week later but required to have a psychological assessment. My requests for mediation were denied and I was subjected to a wrongful dismissal. I continue to request that the disclosure of the real methods used to create population numbers be allowed to proceed.

Will you please audit BC Stats and investigate the real methods used to create population numbers between 2001 and 2011, the years that the methods were changed, but not published.

Please find attached my Request for continuance; and audit of BC Stats; and removal of "just cause" and "insubordination" from record; inappropriate use of "another channel" used to stop grievance proceedings; 32160 BCPSA BCGEU _Warren Munroe, BC Human Rights Tribunal Case Number 4376, JAG File 392989

Thank you,

Warren Munroe