

Dear Michelle Stilwell,

Thank you for having Krista D. Bryce contact me regarding you speaking with the Minister responsible for BC Statistics.

Please find attached two letters:

1) the letter to BC's Attorney General (July 20, 2012 with minor edits added July 10, 2013) describing how the BC Ministry of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government blocked mediation and arbitration.

2) the letter to BC's Minister of Labour, Citizens' Services and Open Government, and Statistics Canada Demography Division (October 19, 2012) describing the discovery of the fact that BC Statistics provided incorrect methods to Statistics Canada for the assessment of methods to be used for Equalization Payments.

Michelle, the issues arising from having small groups of people move into positions of governmental authority only to change and withhold methods can be addressed, at least in part, through education. For this reason the Population Projection Project is designed to show people, who may be involved in issues related to population change (opening and closing of public, and private, facilities - including public schools, etc.), how population projections can be created.

Maxwell D. Hartt, PhD Student, School of Planning and Graduate Instructional Developer at the University of Waterloo, a fellow presenter at the Methods for Projections session, hosted by the Canadian Population Society, at the 2013 Congress for the Humanities and Social Sciences writes about the Population Projection Project:

"I think its a tremendous idea. As we both know, the average amount of knowledge on this subject from many people in fields that use projection regularly is shockingly low. I think courses like this could go a long way in helping many elected officials, staff and students." (June 2013).

Please endorse the provision of citations to accompany quotes (rather than claiming disclosure harmful), and the provision of correct methods to accompany findings (rather than incorrect methods). The provision of citations and correct methods are compatible with the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences' commitment to the importance of peer-reviewed research and the need for rigorous research to inform evidence-based policy-making.

yours truly,

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To see what people are saying about the Population Projection Project visit <http://www.wminfomatics.com/PopulationProjections/feedback.html>.
