

Ministry of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services response to your emails dated June 19, July 10 and August 14, 2013

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Dear Mr. Munroe:

The Honourable Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services, has asked that I respond to your emails dated June 19, July 10 and August 14, 2013, regarding your views on the quality of population estimates for British Columbia. As the Acting Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for BC Stats, I am able to address these matters.

Your recent emails reflect a consistent theme of inquiry that you have undertaken since your dismissal from the BC Public Service in April 2006, when you were employed as a population analyst with BC Stats. Representatives of BC Stats and Service BC have, in several previous correspondences, identified that your assertions regarding (i) the estimates methodology, and (ii) the reliability of the estimates information provided to clients and citizens, are incorrect.

As has been previously communicated to you, the integrity and objectivity of the population estimation methods and process are safeguarded by BC Stats. As a result, BC Stats' provincial ministry clients, and Statistics Canada, are quite satisfied with the quality of outputs associated with BC Stats' sub-provincial population estimates program.

I would like to assure you we are aware of your perspective on this matter. As you are aware, we have been consistent and clear in our position, and as a result, do not see value in continuing to respond to enquiries of a similar nature.

Sincerely,

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