

FILE NO. - 96/005

**REPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION  
FOR REVIEW OF [REDACTED] WITH RESPECT TO INFORMATION  
REQUESTED FROM SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH**

[REDACTED], a reporter, applied to Saskatchewan Health (the "Department") pursuant to *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the "Act") for access to the "preliminary report on the Fleet Net Communications System tested in the Rolling Hills District". His application was refused, an exemption being claimed under Section 17 of the Act.

He requested a review, and as a result I have been provided with copies of the relevant documents including a copy of the report in question.

My examination of this report satisfies me that it comes within the exemption contained in Section 17(1)(a) of the Act which provides:

**"17(1) Subject to subsection (2), a head may refuse to give access to a record that could reasonably be expected to disclose:**

- (a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a government institution ..."**

The report in question is the result of a pilot project undertaken jointly with the Department of Health and the Rolling Hills Health District, and in fact consists mainly of advice, proposals and recommendation to the Department of Health based on the pilot project.

In the result, I agree that the Department is entitled to rely on the exception contained in Section 17(1)(a) and I am therefore unable to recommend disclosure of this record as requested by the applicant.

Dated at Regina, Saskatchewan this                      day of December, 1996.

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**Derril G. McLeod, Q.C.,  
Commissioner of Information and  
Privacy for Saskatchewan**