

FILE NO. - 96/006

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

[REDACTED] applied to the Department of Finance for access to information under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the "Act") for:

"details of loan guarantees by the Province which do not extend beyond twelve months; including amounts, parties involved and purpose; of all government, crown corporation and other agencies."

By a letter dated January 5, 1996 he was advised by Saskatchewan Finance that:

"There is one General Revenue Fund loan guarantee which falls within the parameters you requested. This guarantee relates to the 1995 Grey Cup Game. However, the details you requested are a matter of public record as they are contained in Order-in-Council #601/95, dated July 25, 1995. As you will be aware, all Orders-in-Council are made available to the public.

As discussed with you by officials from the Treasury and Debt Management Division, loan guarantees provided by other government entities, such as Crown Corporations, under the authority of their own legislation, are the responsibility of the relevant entity. Information respecting such loan guarantees should be sought directly from those entities."

[REDACTED] has requested a review in which he submitted to me that::

"The Department responded to the request indicating that it could only find one loan guarantee that did not extend beyond 12 months, that being the loan guarantee for the Grey Cup Committee.

However, it has come to my attention that the government provided a loan guarantee (as described in the request) between the Gaming Corporation and the contractor building the Regina Casino."


As a result of my enquiries, it appears that Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation did, in fact, provide a loan guarantee with respect to the development of a casino in Regina, but obviously a guarantee by Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation is not a guarantee by the Government of Saskatchewan and does not come within the purview of [REDACTED] request.

The making of such a guarantee by Saskatchewan Gaming Corporation required Treasury Board approval, and it would appear that such approval was sought and obtained. However, it is apparent that the records pertaining to the request for and the making and granting of such approval would fall under the mandatory exemption contained in 16(1) of the Act.

Finally, it does not appear to me that the provisions of Section 11 are applicable, as the record requested by the applicant was not in the possession or custody of the Department to whom the application was made.

In the result, it appears to me that the request was dealt with in an appropriate manner by the Department of Finance.

Dated at Regina, Saskatchewan this 27 day of May, 1996.



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