

FILE NO. 94/6*

**REPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION
FOR REVIEW OF [REDACTED] WITH RESPECT TO INFORMATION
REQUESTED FROM MELVILLE AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION**

[REDACTED], the Applicant, [REDACTED]. On or about August 8, 1994 he made a request for access to information from Melville Ambulance Association pursuant to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the "Act").

He did not receive a formal reply to his request in accordance with the provisions of the Act since Melville Ambulance Association Inc. took the position that they were not covered by or subject to the provisions of the Act.

A search of the Corporations Branch of the Province of Saskatchewan discloses that Melville Ambulance Association Inc. is incorporated as a non-profit corporation, is in good standing, with its registered office at 718 Manitoba Street, Melville, Saskatchewan, and that its officers are [REDACTED], and [REDACTED], both of Melville, Saskatchewan.

On enquiry directed to North Valley Health District of Melville, I was advised that there was a contract in place between the North Valley Health District and Melville Ambulance Association Inc. for the provision of ambulance services, and at my request they have provided me with a copy of the contract.

The provision of ambulance services in the Province is governed by *The Ambulance Act* which, among other things, authorizes a board constituted under that Act to contract out for the provision of ambulance services. This appears to be what the Board of North Valley Health District has done in this case.

While *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* specifically defines "Local Authority" to include " a board within the meaning of *The Ambulance Act*", it is apparent that Melville Ambulance Association Inc. is not within that definition but is a separate and distinct corporate entity providing ambulance services pursuant to contract to North Valley Health District.

The said Act also covers "any board, commission or other body that receives more than 50% of its annual budget from the Government of Saskatchewan or a government institution; and is prescribed". It is not necessary to determine whether Melville Ambulance Association Inc. receives more than 50% of its annual budget from the government since it is not a prescribed body pursuant to the Act, i.e. prescribed in the Regulations made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to the Act.

Accordingly, it is my conclusion that Melville Ambulance Association Inc. is not covered by the Act and that I have no jurisdiction to deal further with this matter.

Dated at Regina, Saskatchewan this 26th day of September, 1994.

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