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SASKATCHEWAN INFORMATION AND PRIVACY COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT THE FEES CHARGED BY SASKATCHEWAN HEALTH FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO RECORDS WERE EXCESSIVE AND SHOULD BE REDUCED

Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner, Gary Dickson, today released his Review Report F-2010-001. This review dealt with an appeal by an applicant from a series of decisions made by Saskatchewan health (SaskHealth) in response to an access to information request.

In his Report, Commissioner Dickson considered two fee estimates produced by SaskHealth. One estimate was for \$1,020 and the other for \$3,018. He found that both estimates were excessive and one of them should be recalculated.

In addition, the time taken by SaskHealth to process the requests was unreasonable and most of the exemptions cited by the Ministry in denying access were not applicable.

Dickson also found that the Ministry failed to meet its 'duty to assist' and should have been more helpful to the applicant. Finally, Dickson recommended the release to the applicant of most of the record in question.

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The Report is now accessible at www.oipc.sk.ca under the tab 'Reports'. For more information or to obtain a paper copy please contact:

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