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Dear Carol Bellringer,

In 2012, our community discovered that the people in control of British Columbia's Official Statistical Agency, BC Statistics, provided incorrect methods and data to accompany "unfounded" population numbers for over a decade¹ not only provided to citizens addressing the opening and closing of public facilities (including closing public schools), but also to Statistics Canada and Finance Canada addressing Canada's equalization program.²

Unfortunately, when questioned about the dissemination of unfounded numbers, B.C. government representatives claimed "Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations" and later stated "we do not see value in continuing to respond to enquiries of a similar nature"³; therefore, questions remain:

1. Should the people in control of the provincial government of British Columbia's Official Statistical Agency provide correct information, rather than incorrect information, to citizens and to Statistics Canada?
2. Should the people in control of the provincial government of British Columbia's Official Statistical Agency implement formal policies and assign clear accountabilities for the review processes of analytic products?
3. Should there be deterrents to discourage the people in control of the provincial government of British Columbia's Official Statistical Agency from falsifying reports to citizens and Statistics Canada?
4. Should provincial government of British Columbia's public service providers who raised concerns about incorrect information be allowed mediation rather than be required to submit to an "assessment" of a "believed" behavioural problem", an accusation made by the person who deceived citizens and Statistics Canada?⁴
5. Should provincial government of British Columbia's public service providers who raised concerns about incorrect information have "dismissed for just cause" - "insubordination" removed from their record and be allowed arbitration into the real matters in dispute – the real practices used to create numbers?⁵

British Columbians and Canadians can be better served. Your response is appreciated, sincerely,

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Population Projection Project for Canada's census areas

1 Generalization Estimation System (GES) Small Area Population Estimation Method and Error Evaluation, BC Statistics, 2011, pg. 8. BC Stats changed the methods and data many times between 1998 and 2011, since 2000, but continued to point to the no longer used 1998 methods.

2 The Equalization Program and the Property Tax Base, Feasibility Study Conducted by Statistics Canada Feasibility Report to Finance Canada, February 28, 2005 pg. 63 states (incorrectly) BC Statistics used the 1998 methods to create the near perfect (false) numbers.

3 See June 22, 2012 (FOI) and Sept. 26, 2013 (ServiceBC), wminfomatics.com/WP/index2.html. To learn how the people in control of BC Statistics deceived Statistics and Finance Canada (thereby gaining the endorsement, albeit fraudulently, from Statistics Canada that BC Statistics' estimates were of "better quality" than Statistics Canada's) see the introduction to "Population Projections for Community Members" presented at the 2013 Congress organized by the Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences, "Methods For Projections" session hosted by the Canadian Population Society http://wminfomatics.com/PopulationProjections/CPS_PPP_Validate.pdf

4 "I asked about their ruling with regard to the accusation by [Population Section manager] Dave [O'Neil] (in the meeting with Carol Gore and Cathy McCallum) that you (the author) were "passive aggressive". Dave ... acknowledged the remark and said it was a comment on a behavioural problem or issue and not a mental one." wminfomatics.com/WP/petition/Exhibit13.pdf

5 "The Employer confirmed there would be an initial assessment and five counselling sessions provided. You were also notified that failure to attend would result in a recommendation to the Deputy Minister for your dismissal. You did not attend." See exhibits 43 and 44. (BCGEU May 28, 2006 wminfomatics.com/WP/Articles/120704/MinJust41_ed2.pdf)