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Regarding: verification of methods used to create Official Population Statistics and Open Government

Mr. Cantelon,

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure that clients, including citizens, Ministries, and businesses are able to work with numbers created using methods that are open for clients to see, rather than closed and only for the few to see.

Please be aware, not only did the Executive Director of BC and the Director of the Population Section not inform citizens of the real methods, and not only did they give incorrect information to clients such as BC Hydro and ElectionsBC, but also they also misinformed their own colleagues. This is what can happen when a small group hide their methods. A timely and fair hearing into why a Population Analyst was abruptly fired while a grievance was before the Deputy Minister would have addressed the real problems before further decisions would be made using unreliable information.

May I suggest that the methods be open for verification thus meeting the requirement of statistical and scientific methods as well as the purpose of Open Government.

Sincerely,



William Warren Munroe

cc: Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services, Premier of BC