



June 26, 2014

Hon Tony Clement
President of the Treasury Board
Ottawa, Ontario

BY E Mail: open-ouvert@tbs-sct.gc.ca

Re: Consultation on Open Government Partnership

Dear Minister Clement,

I am writing in response to Phases 1 and 2 of the latest consultation your ministry is running on your government's initiatives under the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

Please find below the links to our previous two submissions on this subject.

http://fipa.bc.ca/library/Reports_and_Submissions/FIPA_Submission--Open_Govt--Jan_16_2012.pdf

http://fipa.bc.ca/library/Reports_and_Submissions/FIPA_Submission--%20OGP%20commitments--Aug%202013.pdf

We note that the government has not seen fit to undertake any substantive change to the largest transparency shortfall in this country, the horrendously out of date *Access to Information Act*, despite this being not only our recommendation but that of most other respondents, plus every Information Commissioner in the country.

If there are plans to follow this most obvious and pressing path to improving transparency, we would be pleased to take part in further consultations. If not, we should probably not waste each other's time.

Please let me know how you wish to proceed.

Sincerely,

Vincent Gogolek
Executive Director
BC FIPA