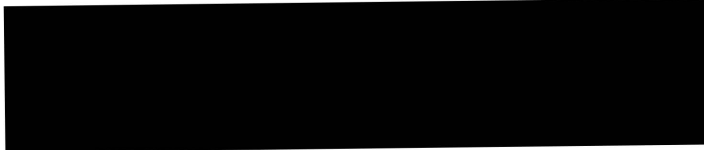


December 20, 2016



s.40(1)

Dear  s.40(1)

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: PRE/120/2016]

On December 16, 2016, the Premier's Office received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Any and all records (including but not limited to, emails, phone records, BBMs, Text and Pins) between the Premier and any member of the liberal caucus from December 1st - December 16th that relate in any way to MHA Pensions."

Please be advised that the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the *Act*) does not apply to the records that you have requested. Subsection 5(1)(d) of the *Act*, states:

5. (1) This Act applies to all records in the custody of or under the control of a public body but does not apply to

(d) records of a registered political party or caucus as defined in the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act;

In accordance with this Subsection of the *Act*, the records you requested cannot be provided. You may appeal this decision directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the *Act* (a copy of this section of the *Act* has been enclosed for your reference). If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (709)729-3570 or by e-mail at joybuckle@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Joy Buckle
ATIPP Coordinator