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**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: FIN-19-2017]**

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On March 16, 2017, the Department of Finance received your request for access to the following records/information:

*"I am requesting access to all records relating to the implementation of a book tax by the Department of Education, including but not limited to briefing binders prepared for the Minister of Education between the dates of Jan. 1, 2016 and May 1, 2016. Please exclude material considered to be a matter of confidence."*

The Department wishes to advise that this information has already been released through a previous access to information request (Our File # FIN/5/2017).

Although your request does not address post-secondary students and differs slightly from what was requested in FIN/5/2017, the responsive records returned were the same.

As such, for the information requested above please refer to our response FIN/5/2017 which is posted on the Completed Access to Information Requests website, and may be viewed in further detail at: [http://atipp-search.gov.nl.ca/public/atipp/Search/?apply\\_table\\_filters=1&show\\_all=0&keyword=&request\\_number=fin%2F5%2F2017&department=&from\\_date=&to\\_date=](http://atipp-search.gov.nl.ca/public/atipp/Search/?apply_table_filters=1&show_all=0&keyword=&request_number=fin%2F5%2F2017&department=&from_date=&to_date=)

As noted in the Department's acknowledgement letter to you on March 21, 2017, Finance is only able to respond to the portion of the above request as it relates to the implementation of a book tax, and would not have responsive records to the second portion of your request for "briefing binders prepared for the Minister of Education".

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act).

A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
2 Canada Drive  
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal 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.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-2082, or by email at [bethbartlett@gov.nl.ca](mailto:bethbartlett@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



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