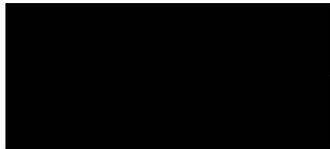


COR/17/694

May 3, 2017



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* [Our File #: EDU/036/2017]**

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On April 26, 2017, the Department of Education and Early Childhood received your request for access to the following records:

***"I am seeking a copy of the EY report on the public library system."***

Please be advised that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that access to these records has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act):

**Section 29 - Policy advice or recommendations**

29. (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal

- (b) the contents of a formal research report or audit report that in the opinion of the head of the public body is incomplete and in respect of which a request or order for completion has been made by the head within 65 business days of delivery of the report;

The *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to deny access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of 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. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

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The appeal may be addressed to 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 (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

Please be advised that this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it 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 letter 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.

For further details about how an access to information request is processed, please refer to the Access to Information Policy and Procedures Manual at <http://www.atipp.gov.nl.ca/info/index.html>.

Sincerely,



Amanda Garland  
Manager of Information Services  
ATIPP Coordinator