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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-42-2017]

On May 29, 2017, the Department of Finance received the following request for access to information:

“For each year since 2000, please provide the gross tax credit provided for political donations. Put another way, what I am asking for is the total value, for each year, of the taxes which would have been paid if companies had not been able to avail of that deduction. I am also requesting a breakdown, for each year, of the tax credit into individual donations, corporate donations, and union donations. For the sake of expediency and cost, in all instances for the purpose of this request I would prefer email correspondence over traditional mail, and I would prefer electronic records over paper records. If there is any confusion about the nature of my request, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.”

The Department of Finance is pleased to inform you that your request has been granted and is attached.

The following is noted regarding the information provided in the attached table:

- The information provided in the attached is based on data that the Department of Finance receives from Federal Finance, Government of Canada.
- As requested, totals are provided per year from 2000 to 2015. However, information for the 2016 tax year is not yet available.
- Totals provided are for the tax credits claimed, per year, from political contribution donations. These totals are provided in two categories - Individuals and Corporations.
- Tax credits claimed from union organizations for political contributions is not a level of detail that is provided to the Department of Finance by Federal Finance. As such, the information is not available.

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.

Sincerely,



Beth Bartlett
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment

**Department of Finance
Total of Tax Credits
from
Political Contribution Deductions**

Tax Credit Year	Totals For Individuals	Totals For Corporations
2000	\$64,540	N/A*
2001	\$76,071	N/A*
2002	\$88,544	\$24,751
2003	\$222,941	\$55,607
2004	\$92,641	\$56,166
2005	\$71,383	\$20,471
2006	\$85,644	\$18,991
2007	\$155,470	\$47,236
2008	\$72,653	\$33,106
2009	\$65,526	\$18,813
2010	\$74,046	\$20,352
2011	\$200,594	\$36,427
2012	\$96,026	\$38,688
2013	\$91,144	\$23,162
2014	\$115,283	\$26,565
2015	\$256,927	\$41,868
Tax Credit Total	\$1,829,434	\$462,203

* Not Available