

June 20, 2017

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Our File #: EDU/045/2017)

On June 12, 2017 the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) received your request for access to the following records/information:

- 1) Amount of Funding Provided Towards Speech-Language Pathologist Services in schools;***
 - 2) Workload/Caseload of School Board S-LPs;***
 - 3) Number of students using S-LP services (by school board);***
 - 4) Total Number of Students in each School Board;***
 - 5) Number of Speech-Language Pathologists employed (# of individuals + full-time equivalent);***
 - 6) Amount of Funding Provided Towards Audiologist Services in schools;***
 - 7) Workload/Caseload of School Board Audiologists;***
 - 8) Number of students using Audiology services (by school board);***
 - 9) Number of Audiologists employed (# of individuals + full-time equivalent);***
 - 10) Details pertaining to any Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology programs in place.***
- Please include records from 2013/09/01-2016/08/31 (YYYY/MM/DD)."***

For ease of reference, each part of your request has been assigned a number. As previously communicated, questions # 2, #3, and #5 were transferred to the two school districts on June 13, 2017, under authority of section 14 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act).

A decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to provide access to the remaining requested information as follows:

1) Amount of Funding Provided Towards Speech-Language Pathologist Services in schools:

EECD provides the allocation for all Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) positions in schools but does not provide direct funding to Speech-Language Pathologists' services. SLP services would be funded through the districts via general funding provided by the Provincial Government through EECD. For the past four years, the allocation of SLP positions to the school districts has been 45 FTEs for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) and 0.5 FTEs for the Conseil Scolaire Francophone Provincial de Terre Neuve et Labrador (CSFP).

4) Total Number of Students in each School Board:

This information is available from EECD's website at:
<http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/publications/k12/stats/index.html>.

6) Amount of Funding Provided Towards Audiologist Services in schools:

Please see attached spreadsheet.

7) Workload/Caseload of School Board Audiologists:

Please refer to caseload numbers below in response to question 8. In addition to the student caseload numbers provided below, the EECD audiologist also provides assistance with Assistive Listening Technology/FM set-up and/or trouble-shooting support for educators. It should be noted that approximately 85 per cent of students seek assistance multiple times per school year.

8) Number of students using Audiology services (by school board):

| School Year | NLESD | CSFP |
|-------------|-------|------|
| 2013-14 | 129 | 0 |
| 2014-15 | 108 | 0 |
| 2015-16 | 118 | 1 |
| 2016-17 | 105 | 1 |

9) Number of Audiologists employed (# of Individuals + full-time equivalent):

There has been one Audiologist employed (one FTE) for the past four years serving both school districts.

10) Details pertaining to any Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology programs in place:

This information is available from EECD's website at:

<http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/k12/studentsupportservices/exceptionalities.html>

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 by day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

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 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.

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 709-729-7425 or by e-mail at AmandaGarland@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Amanda Garland
Manager of Information Services
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment

| Audologist Expenses | | | | | | Annual Totals |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Year | Employee Benefits | Transportation and Communication | Supplies | Purchased Services | Grants and Subsidies | |
| 2013-14 | \$736.52 | \$11,720.92 | \$92,373.91 | \$1,115.05 | \$21,323.50 | \$127,269.90 |
| 2014-15 | \$100.00 | \$2,036.57 | \$127,742.32 | \$600.00 | | \$130,478.89 |
| 2015-16 | | \$2,655.36 | \$149,429.64 | \$10,242.00 | | \$162,327.00 |
| 2016-17 | | \$3,476.81 | \$118,455.47 | \$8,600.00 | | \$130,532.28 |