

September 15, 2017



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Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: PRE/45/2017]

On August 17, the Premier's Office received your request for access to the following records/information:

"Further to my request of 22 June 2017, I am requesting calendar entries of the current Premier, as well as current and former Chiefs of Staff, Executive Assistants to the Chiefs of Staff, Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Executive Assistants to the Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Clerks of Executive Council, Executive Assistants to the Clerks of Executive Council, Deputy Clerks of Executive Council, Executive Assistants to the Deputy Clerks of Executive Council, and other members of the Office of the Premier and Office of the Clerk of Executive Council (i.e. who they met with, what organization(s) they represent, what position(s) they hold within the organization(s), the meeting subject, the meeting date) on the topic of auto insurance rates, claims, and reform from 1 January 2016 to present.

The scope of my request of 22 June 2017 covered the Premier, Chiefs of Staff, and Deputy Chiefs of Staff from 1 January 2016 to 22 June 2017. There is no need to duplicate the request of 22 June 2017. For greater clarity, my scope of my current request is:

- *Current Premier, as well as current and former Chiefs of Staff and Deputy Chiefs of Staff: 23 June 2017 to present.*
- *Current and former Executive Assistants to the Chiefs of Staff, Executive Assistants to the Deputy Chiefs of Staff, Clerks of Executive Council, Executive Assistants to the Clerks of Executive Council, Deputy Clerks of Executive Council, Executive Assistants to the Deputy Clerks of Executive Council, and other members of the Office of the Premier and Office of the Clerk of Executive Council: 1 January 2016 to present.*

To assist in your search, it is believed that a member of the Office of the Premier or the Office of the Clerk of Executive Council may have attended a meeting that was held on the held on 6 June 2017 at 11am in the Cabinet Secretariat Boardroom which had Sean Dutton (Deputy Minister of Service NL) in attendance. In responding to this request, the

following search criteria may be useful (though they should not be relied on exclusively), where the subject or meeting description contains one or more of the following terms:

insurance reform; insurance reforms; insurance premium; insurance premiums; insurance rate; insurance rates; insurance claim; insurance claims; insurance cap; insurance caps; cap on insurance; caps on insurance; claims cap; cap on claims; cap on damages; damage caps; Insurance Bureau of Canada; IBC; Insurance Brokers Association of Newfoundland; IBAN; insurance application; insurance rate application; PUB application; Public Utilities Board application; PUB insurance application; Public Utilities Board insurance application; PUB rate application; Public Utilities Board rate application; insurance profitability; profitability of insurance; profits of insurance; insurance profit; insurance profits; profitability of insurance companies; profits of insurance companies; insurance company profits; return on equity of insurance companies; insurance company return on equity; insurance return on equity; insurance equity; automobile insurance; automotive insurance; auto insurance; car insurance; vehicle insurance; taxi insurance; insurance for taxis; third party liability insurance; third party liability; liability insurance; standard automobile policy; standard automobile insurance; standard automobile insurance policy; standard automobile insurance policies; standard auto policy; standard auto insurance; standard auto insurance policy; standard auto insurance policies; S.P.F. No. 1; SPF No. 1; uninsured motorist; uninsured driver; Facility Association; soft tissue; soft tissue claim; soft tissue claims; soft tissue injury; soft tissue injuries; tissue claim; tissue claims; tissue injury; tissue injuries; motorist claim; motorist claims; pedestrian claim; pedestrian claims; pedestrian claimants; personal injury; personal injury claims; personal injury claimants; insurance actuarial study; insurance actuarial studies; closed claim study; closed claim studies; texting and driving; driving and texting; texting while driving; driving while texting; distracted driving; distracted driver; distracted drivers; driving while distracted.

OR, when the meeting attendees include one or more of the following:

*o Don Forgeron (President and CEO of Insurance Bureau of Canada)
o Amanda Dean (Vice President, Atlantic of Insurance Bureau of Canada)
o Basil Crosbie (Director, Political Action of Insurance Brokers Association of Newfoundland)."*

As noted in the acknowledgement letter dated August 18, 2017, records related to Executive Council are in the custody of Executive Council. Please be advised that the Premier's Office has no records responsive to your request. I can confirm, a meeting to discuss auto insurance occurred between myself, Sean Dutton (Deputy Minister of Service NL), and Karen Stone (Assistant Secretary to Cabinet, Executive Council – Cabinet Secretariat) in Ms. Stone's office on June 6, 2017. There are no records related to this meeting.

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:

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St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

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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*.

This letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically 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. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joy Buckle', written over a printed name.

Joy Buckle
ATIPP Coordinator