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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-75-2017]

On October 27, 2017, the Department of Finance received the following request for access to information:

“\$ 2.7 M still owed from the 10 year old MHA spending scandal - money improperly paid for personal MHA expenses CRA 4130 requires that payments of personal expenses be recorded as a taxable benefit on year end T4 'S for income tax reporting To recover the income taxes on \$2.7 M improperly paid for personal expenses - the 10 year overdue MHA 'S would have to repay the 10 year old \$2.7 M to NL Gov Question 1/ Has the Dept of Finance recorded the \$2.7M of personal expenses on MHA T4S for year income tax reporting as required by CRA 4130 ?- If not why not ?.”

Please note that the Department of Finance refuses to confirm or deny the existence of records containing personal information where disclosure would be considered an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to section 17.(2)(b) of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (ATIPPA). Additional information regarding section 17 of ATIPPA is available online at: <http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/a01-2.htm>.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Bartlett".

Beth Bartlett
ATIPP Coordinator