

December 11, 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* [Our File #: FIN-83-2017]**

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On November 20, 2017, the Department of Finance received your access to information request for the following:

*“How much money did Government spend in Fiscal Year 2016-17 providing services to communities of less than 500 people? For clarity, this would include costs of delivering those services in all such communities, and, where applicable, the costs associated with transporting residents of all such communities to larger centres for services (e.g., busing for schools; ambulances or medevacs for healthcare). Additionally, how many communities of less than 500 people are municipalities (under the Municipalities Act) versus Local Services Districts, versus unincorporated municipalities?”*

On November 27, 2017, the Department of Finance advised of the following partial transfers:

- Information responsive to *“Additionally, how many communities of less than 500 people are municipalities (under the Municipalities Act) versus Local Services Districts, versus unincorporated municipalities?”* was transferred to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment; and
- Information responsive to *“All costs associated with ambulances or medevacs for healthcare in communities of less than 500 people”* was transferred to the Department of Health and Community Services.

Please be advised that Finance has reviewed its records and determined that the Department has no records responsive to the remainder of your request. However, it is important to note that for information regarding busing costs for schools, you may wish to contact the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District.

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](mailto:bethbartlett@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



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