

January 23, 2018

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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-5-2018]

On January 9, 2018, the Department of Finance received your access to information request for the following:

"Briefing materials - in any and all formats, including paper and electronic - prepared for, and/or provided to, the incoming administration in 2015 related to the province's fiscal situation. The finance minister recently referenced such a briefing. According to a Jan. 3, 2018, story posted on vocm.com, Finance Minister Tom Osborne said the new administration was told drastic fiscal measures had to be taken immediately or government would not be able to make payroll in January of 2016. According to that news story, that happened just days after the new administration took office. Link: <http://vocm.com/news/province-was-on-the-brink-of-not-meeting-payroll-in-2016-says-minister/>."

The Department of Finance wishes to advise that the above requested information was subject to a previous access to information request received by the Department (file number FIN/1/2016). As such, the information is already publically available on the Completed Access to Information Requests website as follows: http://atipp-search.gov.nl.ca/public/atipp/Search/?apply_table_filters=1&show_all=0&keyword=&request_number=fin%2F1%2F2016&department=&from_date=&to_date=.

Please note that the information referenced above was prepared to brief the new incoming Minister of Finance upon the administration change in 2015.

The *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to 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 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
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