

February 22, 2018

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: MAE/13/2018]**

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On February 13, 2018, the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment received your request for access to the following records/information:

“Total number of successful applications under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangement for damaged contents in non-primary cabin property since 2008, and corresponding quantum of relief. This request is not limited to any one specific weather event during this time period.”

Please be advised that the Deputy Minister has reviewed this request and the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment has no records responsive to your request. In the spirit of duty to assist, I note that a non-primary cabin property is not eligible under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangement program, which is stated in both federal and provincial program guidelines. The federal guidelines, which includes examples of eligible and non-eligible expenses can be seen via this link: <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/mrgnc-mngmnt/rcvr-dsstrs/dsstr-fnncl-ssstnc-rngmnts/index-en.aspx#a05> . The provincial guidelines on ‘What is not covered under NL-DFAA’ can be seen on page 7-8 of the policy statement via this link: [https://www.gov.nl.ca/fes/emo/pdf/NL-DFAP\\_Policy\\_Stmnt\\_Revised\\_Dec2015.pdf](https://www.gov.nl.ca/fes/emo/pdf/NL-DFAP_Policy_Stmnt_Revised_Dec2015.pdf) .

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 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, Str. 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 me by telephone at 709-729-7183 or by e-mail at [lisas@gov.nl.ca](mailto:lisas@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



Lisa Sullivan  
ATIPP Coordinator  
Enclosures

## **Access or correction complaint**

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.
- (2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days
- (a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or
  - (b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).
- (3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.
- (4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.
- (5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.
- (6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52(1) or 53(1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.
- (7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.
- (8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to
- (a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;
  - (b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;
  - (c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or
  - (d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.
- (9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

## **Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant**

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45(2).