

January 29, 2018



Dear 

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [JPS/11/2018]

On January 17, 2018 the Department of Justice and Public Safety received a request for access to the following records:

“All Briefing Memos regarding the legalization of cannabis or marijuana from November 1st, 2017 to December 31st, 2017. “

Please be advised that the Deputy Minister for the Department of Justice and Public Safety has reviewed this request and the Department has no records responsive to your request.

It should be noted that there is an interdepartmental committee regarding the legalization of cannabis, therefore, it is possible that other departments could have briefing materials, including:

- Advanced Education, Skills and Labour;
- Children, Seniors and Social Development;
- Finance;
- Health and Community Services; and
- Tourism, Culture, Industry and Innovation

Requests to these department can be submitted through the same online form that you submitted this request - <https://apps.gov.nl.ca/atipp/>.

The *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the *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 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* (a copy of this section of the *Act* has been enclosed for your reference).

If you have any questions please contact me by telephone at 709-729-7128, or by email at sonjaelgohary@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sonja El-Gohary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sonja El-Gohary
ATIPP Coordinator

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).