

April 10, 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-42-2018]

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

“??? Copies of all repayment agreements between the province of Newfoundland and Labrador and the federal government that were entered into pursuant to section 103 of the Patent Act. This section reads : "The Minister may enter into agreements with any province respecting the distribution of, and may pay to that province out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, amounts received or collected by the Receiver General under section 83 or 84 or in respect of an undertaking given by a patentee or former patentee that is accepted by the Board in lieu of holding a hearing or making an order under section 83, less any costs incurred in relation to the collection and distribution of those amounts." ??? Copies of any reports or similar documents produced since January 1, 2015 and dealing with one or more of the following topics: (i) the effects of provincial laws and regulations on drug prices, (ii) impact (on prices or otherwise) of Product Listing Agreements for drugs, or (iii) the impact (on prices or otherwise) of the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance. ??? All communications from the province of Newfoundland and Labrador to the federal government or to a federal entity regarding proposed amendments to the Patented Medicines Regulations, SOR/94-688. The amendments in question were published on December 2, 2017 in the Canada Gazette, along with a Regulatory Impact Analysis Statement. ??? Any response from the province of Newfoundland and Labrador or a provincial entity of Newfoundland and Labrador to any of the following three consultations: ??? PMPRB Guidelines Modernization : Rethinking the Guidelines Consultation - closed October 2016. ??? Proposed amendments to the Patented Medicines Regulations Consultation - closed June 2017. ??? Consultation following the publication of the proposed text of the amendments to the Patented Medicines Regulations in the Canada Gazette, Part I - closed February 2018.”

Please be advised that the Department of Finance has completed a search for records and has determined that it has no records responsive to the above request.

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 the response 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 response 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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