

July 23, 2019



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: FIN-56-2019]

On June 24, 2019, the Department of Finance received your access to information request for the following:

“I would like a copy of all correspondence, discussion notes and e-mails from any Department, any Minister, any Deputy Minister, any assistant Deputy Minister and Comptroller General of Finance related to the preparation of the budget numbers for the years 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 as presented in the Budget speech by the Honourable Tom Osborne on April 16, 2019 in the House Of Assembly. I would like a complete list of assumptions used in preparation of the fiscal forecast for the year 2022/2023 as they relate to the adjustments of any and all revenue categories and expense categories in comparison to the current budget 2019/2020.”

In responding to the above request, the Department of Finance has organized its response into two parts. As such, the following is provided:

Part One:

“All correspondence, discussion notes and e-mails from any Department, any Minister, any Deputy Minister, any assistant Deputy Minister and Comptroller General of Finance related to the preparation of the budget numbers for the years 2020/2021, 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 as presented in the Budget speech by the Honourable Tom Osborne on April 16, 2019 in the House of Assembly”.

Response: The Department is already responding to a similar access to information request (file number FIN-037-2019). It is anticipated that this response will be made publically available in the near future. You will be notified once released.

Part Two:

“All assumptions used in preparation of the fiscal forecast for the year 2022/2023 as they relate to the adjustments of any and all revenue categories and expense categories in comparison to the current budget 2019/2020”.

Response: Assumptions used in the preparation of the fiscal forecast for the year 2022-23 were created during the process of developing or preparing a submission for the Cabinet, which was the 2019 Budget submission. As such, access has been denied pursuant to section 27(1)(h), and section 27(2)(a) of the ATIPPA.

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,



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