

July 30, 2019

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: AESL/049/2019]

On July 5, 2019 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (AESL) received your request for access to the following records/information:

“Please provide details on the 5 year budget forecast or multi-year fiscal framework maintained in excel by the Department.”

Please be advised that access to these records has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (the act):

Section 27.(1)(h) In this section, "cabinet record" means a record created during the process of developing or preparing a submission for the Cabinet

Section 27.(2)(a) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant a cabinet record

Please note that the records in question (comprised of 46 pages in total) were developed by the Department of Finance (FIN) and provided to AESL; AESL does not populate a template to advance to FIN. As these documents are used to inform the Treasury Board, they are considered to be cabinet records and are exempt from disclosure.

Section 42 of the act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this refusal of access or you may appeal the refusal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Information and Privacy Commissioner shall 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

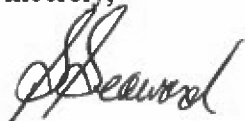
Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event you wish to appeal to the Supreme Court, you must do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Section 52 of the act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five 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 day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



SHARON SEAWARD
ATIPP Coordinator

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