

July 30, 2019

Dear Applicant:

**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Our File #: EECD/051/2019)**

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On July 5, 2019, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 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."***

Based on our conversation on July 16, 2019, the request was revised to read as follows:

***"Please provide the 2018-19 five year budget forecast prepared by the Department of Finance (PDF) and the comments provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development."***

A decision has been made by the Deputy Minister of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to refuse access to the requested information in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act):

**Section 27: Cabinet Confidences**

27. (1) In this section, "cabinet record" means
- (h) a record created during the process of developing or preparing a submission for the Cabinet;
- (2) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant
- (a) a cabinet record;

Please be advised that we are unable to provide you with Cabinet records. Therefore, access to all records (pages 1 - 42) has been refused.

Please be advised that you may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to deny access to the requested information, as set out in section 42 of 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. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

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The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner 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 this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it 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 letter 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 709-729-7180 or by email at [garynoftall@gov.nl.ca](mailto:garynoftall@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



Gary Noftall  
ATIPP Coordinator