

May 10, 2019

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Dear 

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: HRS-20-2019]

On April 11, 2019 the Human Resource Secretariat (HRS) received your access to information request via a transfer from Finance for the following information:

“Number of employees paid at the Deputy Minister level for the years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.”

I am pleased to inform that a decision has been made by the HRS to provide access to the requested information and is provided in the following table:

Year	# of Employees paid at DM level
2015	31
2016	30
2017	27
2018	28
2019	32

For your reference, the number of employees provided are extracted from historical executive monthly reports and reflect anyone being paid at a Deputy Minister’s level at a specific snapshot in time (end of Dec for all years except current which is end of March). These numbers are inclusive of CEOs and Deputy Minister equivalents for certain agencies. The actual number of Deputy Ministers in core government departments currently is 21. It does not include employees of the House of Assembly.

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

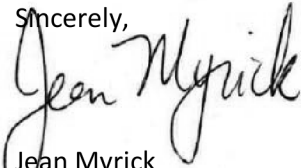
Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

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.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone 709-729-7156 or by e-mail at jeanmyrick@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jean Myrick". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jean Myrick
Manager of Information Services
(*& designated ATIPP Coordinator*)