

November 19, 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/067/2019)

On October 25, 2019, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (the Department) received your request for access to the following records/information:

“All emails sent/received re Young Liberals from 2015 to present.”

On October 31, 2019, your request is modified to read as follows:

“All emails sent/received by Ministers, Deputy Ministers or Assistant Deputy Ministers re Young Liberals from 2015 to present.”

A decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for the Department to refuse access to records in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (the Act):

Section 5: Application

5. (1) *This Act applies to all records in the custody of or under the control of a public body but does not apply to*

- (d) *records of a registered political party or caucus as defined in the House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act;*
- (e) *a personal or constituency record of a minister;*

Section 40: Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

40. (1) *The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.*

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Please be advised that the following pages have been redacted in their entirety:

Page numbers	Exceptions to disclosure
1-10, 17-22, 32-38	Section 5(1)(d)
27-28	Section 5(1)(e)
11-16	Section 5(1)(d); Section 40(1)
23-26, 29-31	Section 5(1)(e); Section 40(1)

You may appeal this decision and ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the decision to provide partial 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.

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 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 709-729-7180 or by e-mail at garynoftall@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Gary Noftall
ATIPP Coordinator

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