January 3, 2020

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: SNL-163-2019]

On December 31, 2019 Service NL received your request for access to the following records:

“For food establishment inspections of Institutional Food Premises for the years 2018 and 2019, the number of inspections where critical items were identified (separated by year). For each of those calendar years, would also like information on the number of times these inspections resulted in closures and the duration of each of those closures. Would also like the total number of food establishment inspections of Institutional Food Premises for 2018 and 2019.”

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for Service NL to provide access to the requested information:

Total number of inspections for fiscal year 2018-2019: 5951 inspections

Total number of inspections for fiscal year 2019-2020 to date: 3372 inspections

Total number of inspections with critical items for fiscal year 2018-2019: 324 inspections

Total number of inspections with critical items for fiscal year 2019-2020 to date: 181 inspections

Service NL does not itemize inspections with critical items by Public/Institution/Manufacturing. Service NL does not itemize closures and length of time an establishment is closed. As such we have no responsive records to this portion of your request. Information about specific food establishment inspections and Newfoundland and Labrador food premises health inspection reports can be found at: https://www.gov.nl.ca/snl/inspections/

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.
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 me by telephone at 709-729-7437 or by e-mail at MeganDeVries@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Megan De Vries
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Service NL