

December 17, 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/071/2019)**

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On November 20, 2019, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (Department) received your request for access to the following records/information:

**"I would like to request a list of all current studies being undertaken by or for the department, their time frame, their scope and their cost. This would include pilot projects, consultant studies and any other research pertaining to department programs or policy."**

Based on our conversation on November 25, 2019, your request is modified to read as follows:

**"I would like to request a list of all current studies being undertaken by or for the department, their time frame, their scope and their cost. This would include any: contracted projects pertaining to department programs or policy; and, internal research pertaining to department programs or policy involving more than one month of a staff member's time. The time frame is any initiative that started in 2019 and has been completed, or is still ongoing, at the date of this request."**

The Deputy Minister for the Department has reviewed this request and the Department has no records responsive to your request.

Please note that the Department did not engage any external consultants in 2019. Prior to January 1, 2019, the Department commenced research associated with the Education Action Plan, as well as other interdepartmental and intergovernmental initiatives. A copy of the Education Action Plan can be found at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eecd/files/eap-report.pdf>.

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 *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (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](mailto:garynoftall@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



Gary Noftall  
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment