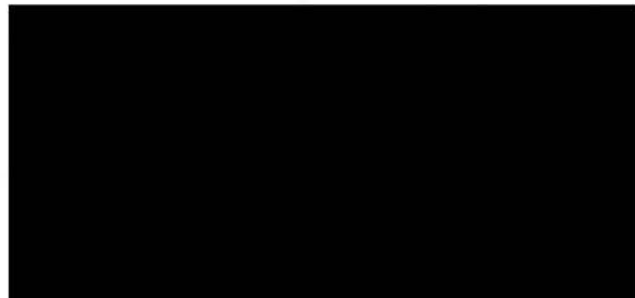


March 12, 2020



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the **Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015** [IIAS-004-2020]

On February 11, 2020, the Intergovernmental Affairs Branch of the Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat received your request for access to the following records/information:

Any documents, emails, correspondence, submissions, including drafts etc between the Province of NL and Government of Canada relating to the fiscal stabilization fund under consideration by the Government of Canada.

This request was further clarified on February 12, 2020 to specify the time period of "2 years from date of request".

The Deputy Minister for Intergovernmental Affairs has reviewed this request and a decision has been made to provide access to the requested information. In accordance with your request, a copy of the responsive records is enclosed.

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 Act, which is annexed to this letter for your reference. 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 below for your convenience.

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

P.O. Box 13004, Station A

St. John's, NL

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Telephone: (709) 729-6309

Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309

Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

E-mail: commissioner@oipc.nl.ca

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, which is also annexed to this letter for your reference.

Please be advised that this request will be published online three business days after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. The goal is 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 at 729-3523 or angelaledwell@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



ANGELA LEDWELL
ATIPP Coordinator
Intergovernmental Affairs

ANNEX

Sections of the Act referred to Final Response Letter

Access or correction complaint

42.(1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52(1) or 53(1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16(2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45(2).

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Dear Minister:

Tom,

I am writing to follow up on our discussion of the Fiscal Stabilization program that took place at the Finance Ministers' Meeting on December 17, 2019. In particular, after receiving the Provincial-Territorial Ministers of Finance consensus proposal, I committed to sharing a timeline and process for that review in January 2020.

Recognizing that the program has not been reviewed since 1995, I have asked my officials to undertake work to review the program, taking into account the consensus proposal put forward at the December meeting. I understand that my officials have reached out to their provincial counterparts to seek additional information and clarification to ensure a full understanding of the proposal.

I have also instructed my officials to provide me advice on potential adjustments to the Fiscal Stabilization program, including analysis of the potential fiscal risk for the federal government, for consideration in Spring 2020.

The Government of Canada is committed to working collaboratively with provinces and territories to serve and support Canadians from coast to coast to coast. In this regard, I look forward to working with you to grow the economy and help Canadians face today's challenges and the challenges that lie ahead.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Bill Morneau, P.C., M.P.

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