Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: HCS/039/2016]

On March 18, 2016, the Department of Health and Community Services (the Department) received your request for access to the following records/information:

“I am requesting all records from Jan. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2015 concerning the use of the Medical Transportation Assistance Program for abortion services (including but not limited to briefing notes, decks, meeting agendas, statistical reports, and emails). Please do not process any records that appear to be cabinet confidences. As this request is in the public interest, I ask that all fees, if any, be waived. Please contact me when any records are ready for release.”

Please be advised that our records indicate that the Department has no records responsive to your request. Specifically the statistical usage of transportation assistance programs related to abortions as clarified for your request.

Section 43 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner shall be made in writing within 60 days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Information and Privacy 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

P.O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL, Canada A1B 4J6 t 709.729.7007 f 709.729.5824
In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 30 days of the date of this letter. Section 60 of the Act sets out the process to be followed when filing such an appeal.

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 Office of Public Engagement's 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 contact the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-7007 or by email at angelapower@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Angela Power
ATIPP Coordinator