Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act FA/10/2016

On April 4, 2016, The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture (DFA) received your request for access to the following records:

"Please provide information on the number of outstanding accounts within your department (including any which have been forwarded to Tax Administration for collections and those which have not yet been forwarded) which are the result of over payments by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Please provide the outstanding balance on each account and through which program the over payment occurred. The time frame would be over payments which have occurred between December 1, 2015 and April 4, 2016."

Please be advised that based on the records requested and in coordination with the Department of Finance and the Department of Human Resource Secretariat (HRS), DFA has no records responsive to your request.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires us to provide an advisory response within ten days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day ten, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

Please be advised that 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 copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed 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. 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 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 (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

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 me by telephone at 709-729-4797 or by email at rhondahickey@gov.nl.ca

Sincerely,

Rhonda Hickey
ATIPP Coordinator

Enclosures