May 5, 2014

Dear [REDACTED],

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: IBRD/4/2014]

On April 7, 2014 the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development received your request for access to the following records/information:

Any and all records relating to subsequent entry biologics, SEBs, follow on biologics or biosimilars (herinafter referred to as “SEBs”) dated from January 1, 2012 until the date of this request, including but not limited to:

- Any and all records of internal Innovation, Business and Rural Development ("Ministry") (or related agencies or boards within the purview of the Ministry) discussions, memoranda (including cabinet memos), briefing documents, policy, white papers, research papers, internal research reports, consultation documents, agendas, proposals, meetings (including board and advisory committee meetings) or correspondence regarding SEBs; and

- Any and all records of Ministry correspondence, discussions, memoranda, briefing documents, agendas, proposals, meetings or submissions to, from or with the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health ("CADTH"), CADTH staff, other federal or provincial authorities, industry or any other individuals or organizations regarding SEBs.

Please be advised that our records indicate that the Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development has no records responsive to 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
34 Pippy Place
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

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 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 feel free to contact the ATIPP Coordinator at 709-729-6137.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

ALASTAIR O'RIELLY
Deputy Minister