February 27, 2014

Dear [Redacted: s.30(1)],

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File # FIN-5 2014: ]

On January 30, 2014, the Department of Finance received your request for access to the following records:

“In relation to a Department of Finance press release on January 23, 2014, titled Responsible Decisions; Responsible Government, Minister Responds to Auditor General’s Release of Report on Departments and Agencies, I am requesting, under the Access to Information Act, evidence to substantiate the following claim:

- “... the Provincial Government has made progress on 90 per cent of the recommendations contained in the Auditor General reports issued for 2007 to 2010.”

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted.

The basis for stating that progress has been made on 90 per cent of the recommendations contained in the Auditor General reports issued for 2007 to 2010 is the “Report of the Auditor General to the House of Assembly, Update on Prior Years’ Report Recommendations 2012” (the Update Report). In that document the Auditor General reported on the status of the implementation of recommendations made in the 2007 to 2010 Annual Reports. Table 1 in the Summary section of the Update Report shows that from 2007 to 2010 there were 608 recommendations, of which 436 were fully implemented and 114 partially implemented, that is, progress has been made on 90% of the total. The Update Report provides details by government entity in Chapter 3, by Year in Chapter 4, and further details in Chapter 5.

The weblink for the Update Report is:
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.

If you have any further questions, please contact the undersigned by telephone at 729-2907 or by e-mail at wnorman@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Walter Norman
ATIPP Coordinator