June 6, 2016

Dear [Redacted]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: HCS/069/2016]

This is to confirm that on May 6, 2016, the Department of Health and Community Services received your request for access to the following records/information:

“Records generated in response to a media inquiry from CBC News on April 18 re: details of the DHCS contribution for 2016-17 for Iris Kirby House. Request includes briefing notes, internal and external correspondence, House response cards, information notes and any other relevant records. Request includes records in any and all formats, including paper and electronic.”

The Department has reviewed your request in the context of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) and Beverley Clarke, Deputy Minister, made a decision and is pleased to inform you that access to these records has been granted, in part. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed. Some information has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Act:

- Section 29 – Policy Advice or Recommendations
- Section 35 – Disclosure Harmful to the Financial or Economic Interests of a Public Body

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible.

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 the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-7010 or by email at VanessaMacey@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Macey  
ATIPP Coordinator
FYI – Rob following up again.

From: ROB ANTLE [mailto:rob.antle@cbc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, May 03, 2016 11:09 AM
To: Drover, Rodney C
Subject: Re: media inquiry, Iris Kirby House

Hello -

Just checking back in on the status of this request.

R

On Tue, Apr 26, 2016 at 5:36 PM, ROB ANTLE <rob.antle@cbc.ca> wrote:
Hello -

Any update on this?

On Tue, Apr 19, 2016 at 2:20 PM, Drover, Rodney C <RodneyCDrover@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Thanks Rob. We are working to get you something as soon as we can.

From: ROB ANTLE [mailto:rob.antle@cbc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 2:20 PM
To: Drover, Rodney C

Subject: Re: media inquiry, Iris Kirby House

Hello -

I don't have a deadline per se. I am just looking for information at this point.
On Tue, Apr 19, 2016 at 2:10 PM, Drover, Rodney C <RodneyCDrover@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi Rob – just left you a voicemail on this. We are working to get you something asap. What is your deadline?

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Rod Drover
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t: 709.729.6986 | c: 709.730.4607

From: ROB ANTEL [mailto:rob.ante@cbc.ca]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 10:54 AM
To: Shea, Erin
Cc: Williams, Tina (HCS); Drover, Rodney C
Subject: Re: media inquiry, Iris Kirby House

Hello -

Now that the budget has been released, can you please provide details of the DHCS contribution for 2016-17 for Iris Kirby House, via Eastern Health?

Thanks,

Rob Antle

On Fri, Mar 4, 2016 at 4:23 PM, Shea, Erin <ErinShea@gov.nl.ca> wrote:
Hi Rob,

As promised, please see the following statement on behalf of the Department of Health and Community Services:

The responsibilities for transition houses lie with the regional health authorities. The financial and operational review around transition houses is ongoing. The budget decision-making process is also underway. This includes the 2016-17 budget request for transition houses.

Iris Kirby House receives funding through Eastern Health via an approved budget from the Department of Health and Community Services. Approval of the 2016-17 budget request will be determined through the budget process. Eastern Health has received financial statements from Iris Kirby House which are reviewed on an annual basis.

All the best,
Erin

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From: ROB ANTLE [mailto:rob.antine@cbc.ca]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 12:46 PM
To: Shea, Erin
Subject: Re: FW: media Inquiry, Iris Kirby House

Thanks for the update. FYI, my deadline is 4:30 p.m. today.

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On Fri, Mar 4, 2016 at 12:43 PM, Shea, Erin <ErinShea@gov.nl.ca> wrote:
Hi Rob,

Just wanting to let you know that I'm still working on getting a response to this for you. The Minister's schedule is extremely full of late with preparation for budget, so I am working on getting a statement to you.

Thanks,

Erin

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From: ROB ANTLE [mailto:rob.ante@cbc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, March 02, 2016 5:20 PM
To: Shea, Erin
Subject: Re: FW: media inquiry, Iris Kirby House

Hello -

Checking in on the status of this request.

Sincerely,

Rob Antle

On Tue, Mar 1, 2016 at 1:21 PM, Shea, Erin <ErinShea@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Hi Rob,

Thank you for the inquiry. We have received your request and will get back to you.

All the best,

Erin
From: ROB ANTLE [mailto:rob.ante@cbc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, March 01, 2016 12:01 PM
To: Williams, Tina (HCS)
Subject: media inquiry, Iris Kirby House

Hello -

I'm working on a story related to funding for Iris Kirby House for the pending fiscal year.

I am requesting an interview with the minister or other appropriate official on this topic.

Among my lines of inquiry:

- what is the status of the financial and operational review approved by then-minister Jackman in August 2014? Will this review be done in time to help with the decision-making process for the 2016-17 budget year? If not, why not?

- recent documents obtained through ATIPPA show that government officials sought additional financial information from Iris Kirby House last year, about deferred revenues, the growth in salary costs, and a management letter issued to IKH by auditors, among other items. Has this information been received, and is the government satisfied with the disclosure provided by IKH?
- what is the status of the 2016-17 budget request for IKH? Is it still being funded through Eastern Health, or the department?

Thanks in advance for any help you can provide.

Sincerely,

Rob Antle

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Hey Karen – can you help with details as per CBC’s request, highlighted below?

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Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 3:37 PM  
To: Power, Angela  
Subject: FW: media inquiry, Iris Kirby House


From: Drover, Rodney C  
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Subject: FW: media Inquiry, Iris Kirby House

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Remaining email thread removed as DUPLICATE and can be found on pages 2-6

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Subject: FW: What's the CBC deadline - Rob?

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Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Williams, Tina (HCS)
Subject: RE: What's the CBC deadline - Rob?

He said he doesn't have a deadlines per se, just looking for info.

From: Williams, Tina (HCS)
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 2:08 PM
To: Drover, Rodney C
Subject: Re: What's the CBC deadline - Rob?

Yes.

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From: Drover, Rodney C
Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 2:07 PM
To: Williams, Tina (HCS)
Subject: RE: What's the CBC deadline - Rob?

For Iris Kirby?

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This is what WPO sent over in response to Rob Antle's questions. We should discuss.
Rob Antle’s Question:
Now that the budget has been released, can you please provide details of the DHCS contribution for 2016-17 for Iris Kirby House, via Eastern Health?

Proposed Answer:
Government has approved funding in the amount of XX for Iris Kirby House. This is the same amount as provided last year.

This amount will cover the operating expenses to support (insert: how many houses, beds, programs, women, children, etc).
Adams, Deanne

From: Haggie, John
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 9:53 AM
To: Power, Angela
Subject: FW: Media response for approval - Rob Antle

From: Williams, Tina (HCS)
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2016 5:07 PM
To: Stone, Karen M. <karens@gov.nl.ca>; Haggie, John <JohnHaggie@gov.nl.ca>; Clarke, Beverley <BeverleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Anderson, Alicia <AliciaAnderson@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Media response for approval - Rob Antle

No issue. I will stand down on sending anything to Rob until we know that the letter has been sent to IKH.

Tina Williams
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From: Stone, Karen M.
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2016 5:06 PM
To: Williams, Tina (HCS); Haggie, John; Clarke, Beverley
Cc: Anderson, Alicia
Subject: RE: Media response for approval - Rob Antle

WPO sent a draft letter to Iris Kirby House for Minister Haggie’s signature this afternoon outlining the amount and requiring Iris Kirby House to sign a service agreement with Eastern Health. Letter is on the way to Bev. We have to make sure the letter is emailed to IKH before Antle does a story about it. IKH should not find out about funding amount in the media.

From: Williams, Tina (HCS)
Sent: Monday, May 2, 2016 5:01 PM
To: Haggie, John <JohnHaggie@gov.nl.ca>; Clarke, Beverley <BeverleyClarke@gov.nl.ca>; Stone, Karen M. <karens@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Anderson, Alicia <AliciaAnderson@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Media response for approval - Rob Antle

Based on information provided by WPO, here is a draft response for CBC. Once you have approved, I’d like to get to Rob tomorrow.

Date:
Monday, May 2, 2016

Media:
CBC, Rob Antle
Inquiry:

Rob Antle is working on a follow-up story related to funding for Iris Kirby House. The question posed is now that the budget has been released, what are the details of the Department of Health and Community Services' contribution for 2016-17 for Iris Kirby House, via Eastern Health?

Response Delivered:

In consultation and approved by:

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Donna Ballard
Tina Williams

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