Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act) [Our File #: HCS 009 2014]

On January 23, 2014, the Department of Health and Community Services received your request for access to the following records/information:

"I am requesting under the Access to Information Act details on Special Authorizations to the Newfoundland and Labrador Prescription Drug Program (NLPDP) 2012-13 as well as 2013-14, to date. This request includes a monthly breakdown for:

- The number of special authorization requests received by the NLPDP;
- The number of special authorizations that were approved; and
- The number of special authorization requests rejected."

On January 29, 2014, you confirmed by way of telephone call that you were requesting two full calendar years’ of data; specifically, data as above for 2012 and 2013.

On February 6, 2014, the Department wrote to notify you that, with the approval of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, it was extending the 30-day time limit for responding to your request for an additional 30 days. The Department advised at that time that it expected to respond to your request by or before March 23, 2014.

The Department has reviewed your request in the context of the Act. I am pleased to inform you that access to these records is granted. Please find enclosed a copy of a summary document prepared specifically in response to your request.

Section 43 of 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
2nd Floor, 34 Pippy Place
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500
Email: oipc@gov.nl.ca

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 a copy of our response to your request will be published on the Office of the Public Engagement's website five business days after the response is mailed to you. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Brian Bennett, the Department's Privacy Manager, at (709) 729-7007, or by email at BrianDBennett@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Bruce Cooper
Deputy Minister

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### 2012

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* Total Received includes not only Approved and Denied requests, but also those requests that were Cancelled or were awaiting Additional Information.

**Notes**

NLPDP Special Authorization Processing Statistics - Source, NLPDP Claims Data Warehouse

Based on the month the SA request was received.