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 004 2014]

On January 21, 2014, the Department of Health and Community Services received your request for access to the following records/information:

"StanTec report completed that pertains to the number of ultrasound machines for the new Corner Brook Hospital".

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 21, 2014.

Please be advised that the Department has no records responsive to your request. In October 2012, Stantec was awarded a contract to assist government in determining if the original master plan for the Corner Brook hospital was suitable for the western region. Government sought advice which included analysis of building model projections, budgets, and demographics in the region. The Stantec report completed for the Department did not contain information pertaining to the number of ultrasound machines that may be procured for the hospital in Corner Brook. The number of ultrasound machines that may ultimately be procured for the Corner Brook hospital will be determined closer to the hospital’s opening date.

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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