RE: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Our File TW/014/2014)

On May 15, 2014, the Department of Transportation and Works received your request for access to the following records:

All documents held by the Department of Transportation detailing the falsified documents for a brush clearing contract described by Minister Nick McGrath in the House of Assembly on May 13, 2014.

On June 17, 2014 our ATIPP Coordinator, Ms. Edwina Walsh explained to you in an email that your request for the Form 160A Performance Evaluation, associated file number TW/013/2014, was considered a duplicate request and would be processed within this request.

In our May 27, 2014 correspondence, the Department informed you there were responsive records that contained information that if disclosed might affect the business interests of a third party as described in Section 27 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). In that letter we advised we would provide a decision on whether or not we would release the documents no later than today. We are unable to provide you access to the responsive records at this time as they are currently referred to appropriate policing authorities for investigation and subsequently have been refused in accordance with the following exception to disclosure, as specified in the Act.

Disclosure Harmful to Law Enforcement
Section 22(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant where the disclosure could reasonably be expected
(a) to interfere with or harm a law enforcement matter;

(n) adversely affect the detection, investigation, prevention or prosecution of an offence or the security of a centre of lawful detention;
Section 43 of the Act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the refusal of access or you may appeal the refusal 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:

Mr. Ed Ring, Commissioner
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2nd Floor, 34 Pippy Place
P.O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL A1B 3V8

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Please be advised that this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it 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 letter 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 undersigned at 729-3676.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Deputy Minister