October 8, 2013

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: PRE-12-2013]

On August 30, 2013 the Premier’s Office received your request for access to the following records:

All internal correspondence records to or from the Office of the Premier regarding Bill 29 An Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

On September 25, 2013 the scope of this requested was revised to remove media reports that are “devoid of instruction or comment.”

On September 30, 2013 the 30 day time limit for responding to your request was extended under section 16.1(b) for an additional 10 days due to the large number of records which had to be searched in order to respond to your request.

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to these records has been granted in part, as attached.

Access to information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exceptions to disclosure, as specified in the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act):

30. (1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party’s personal privacy.

20. (1)(a) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister.
20. (1)(c) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of a public body, a minister or the staff of a minister.

As required by subsection 7.(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure as well as information that is not responsive to your request and have provided you with as much information as possible.

Please note that pages 14-15, 133-135 and 140-141 have been redacted in their entirety under section 20.(1)(c).

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Section 43 of the Act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this partial refusal of access or you may appeal the refusal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Information and Privacy 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 Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner  
34 Pippy Place  
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A  
St. John’s, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309  
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

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 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. 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 (709) 729-3570 or deniseking@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Denise King  
Director of Policy
Ok

From: Quinton, Diana
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 01:40 PM
To: Hammond, Lynn; Marnell, Debbie; Brown, Milly; Power, Glenda; Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer
Cc: Gregory, Bill
Subject: RE: Letters to the Editor - Scope and Financial Post

Thanks for your feedback. I've incorporated comments from Jacquelyn, Glenda, and Lynn. Attached is the revised letter.

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Diana Quinton
Director of Communications
Innovation, Business and Rural Development
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
709-729-4570

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From: Hammond, Lynn
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 9:46 AM
To: Quinton, Diana; Marnell, Debbie; Brown, Milly; Power, Glenda; Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer
Cc: Gregory, Bill
Subject: RE: Letters to the Editor - Scope and Financial Post

Great job on these.

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Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 9:08 AM
To: Quinton, Diana; Hammond, Lynn; Marnell, Debbie; Brown, Milly; Power, Glenda; Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer
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We were planning to send these letters out today.

Thanks,
Diana

Diana Quinton
Director of Communications
Innovation, Business and Rural Development
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
From: Quinton, Diana  
Sent: Friday, January 04, 2013 6:10 PM  
To: Hammond, Lynn; Marnell, Debbie; Brown, Milly; Power, Glenda; Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer  
Cc: Gregory, Bill  
Subject: Letters to the Editor - Scope and Financial Post

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Diana Quinton  
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Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 1:42 PM  
To: Howard, Jacquelyn; Hammond, Lynn; Marnell, Debbie; Brown, Milly; Power, Glenda; Collingwood, Jennifer  
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Subject: RE: Letters to the Editor - Scope and Financial Post  

ATIPPA, 20.(1)(c)

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Director of Communications  
Innovation, Business and Rural Development  
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador  
709-729-4570

From: Howard, Jacquelyn  
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 9:20 AM  
To: Quinton, Diana; Hammond, Lynn; Marnell, Debbie; Brown, Milly; Power, Glenda; Collingwood, Jennifer  
Cc: Gregory, Bill  
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Jacq.

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Letter to the Editor – The Scope
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act
January 7, 2013

Dear Editor,

As Minister Responsible for the Office of Public Engagement, I am responding to an article that appeared in the December-January edition of The Scope. Based on some of the information contained in that article, I felt that it was important to connect with you and your readers.

There has been much commentary in the media and from the Official Opposition regarding the amendments to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPPA), introduced in spring 2012.

I would like to reinforce that the purpose of the ATIPPA remains the same - to make public bodies more accountable to the public by giving individuals a right to access records, subject to specific and limited exceptions. There continues to be overriding provisions in the Act that require public bodies to disclose information that is clearly in the public interest. For example, these provisions continue to allow the release of information to the public related to public inquiries.

In addition, I’d like to comment on the authority given to the Information and Privacy Commissioner under the legislation. In his role, Mr. Ed Ring continues to have the ability to review all complaints, with narrow exceptions of official cabinet records and solicitor client records. His power was expanded to provide express authority to conduct a review of privacy complaints from individuals. In terms of solicitor-client privilege records, the legislation was amended to ensure the integrity of the judicial process is maintained by having those records reviewed by the courts to determine if the records were properly withheld under the solicitor and client privilege exception. In fact, Mr. Ring responded quite favorably to the changes to the Act. In the June 19, 2012 edition of the Telegram he stated that, “the legislation remains robust and that people’s right to access information will be protected.”

I would also like to address some misconceptions surrounding what have been termed frivolous or vexatious requests. In his review of the legislation, Commissioner John Cummings recommended that public bodies have the ability to disregard requests that are frivolous, vexatious or trivial, with the approval of the Privacy Commissioner. Although this recommendation has been modified so that prior approval of the Privacy Commissioner is not required, there are plenty of materials including reports, policy manuals, and case law that will provide guidance to public bodies on the application of these terms. It is important that ATIPP offices and coordinators are able to focus on legitimate requests and respond to those in a timely manner. Due consideration will be given to each request. To date, Provincial Government departments have not used the frivolous or vexatious provisions to deny an access to information request.
The fees associated with ATIPPA are not meant to be prohibitive nor a deterrent. In terms of the new fee structure, the first four hours of processing time will be free of charge. The new fee structure is fair and well within the range of comparative legislation in Canada.

There are also clear parameters around what records would be considered cabinet records. The amendments to the ATIPPA clarified the definition and have made it consistent with our province’s Management of Information Act. Cabinet materials under the previous and amended legislation continue to be protected. Providing protection for cabinet material is a standard practice across all jurisdictions.

In his review, Commissioner Cummings also recommended that every department have a policy on routine disclosure which should include the disclosure of documents that are commonly requested and do not contain sensitive information. We have already initiated work on routine disclosure. In November, the Office of Public Engagement, along with Service NL, announced that restaurant inspection reports will now be available to the public on-line. While these reports have always been accessible upon request, this information is now easier to access.

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Sincerely,

The Honourable Keith Hutchings
Minister of Innovation, Business and Rural Development
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King, Denise R

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Sent: Monday, January 07, 2013 9:26 AM
To: Howard, Jacquelyn; Quinton, Diana; Hammond, Lynn; Marnell, Debbie; Brown, Milly; Collingwood, Jennifer
Cc: Gregory, Bill
Subject: Re: Letters to the Editor - Scope and Financial Post

I'm fine with first letter. ATIPPA, 20.(1)(c)
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Letter to the Editor
Financial Post
January 4, 2013

Dear Editor,

I felt it was important that I respond to an article written by Tom Adams published in the December 18 edition of the Financial Post.

Mr. Adams suggested that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador made amendments to the province’s Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act “to ensure secrecy for the Muskrat Falls project.”

I would like to point out the changes to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy occurred as a result of a legislative review that was mandated to occur within five years of its inception in 2005. As the Independent Review Commissioner, John Cummings Q.C. completed a public consultation and review process and recommended changes to the legislation as a result.

With respect to information pertaining to Muskrat Falls, it is important to note that other legislation, such as the Energy Corporation Act, should be taken into account when considering appropriate protection for commercially sensitive information. The provisions of the Energy Corporation Act operate in addition to the protection afforded to business information under Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Crown corporations, such as Nalcor, that operate in a commercial environment need to be able to provide industry partners with complete confidence that their commercially sensitive information is protected.

If a requester of information is not satisfied with how their request was processed they have every opportunity to appeal the decision to the courts or the Privacy Commissioner.

As a government, our objective is to share as much information as possible while balancing the need to protect highly sensitive information.

We intend to abide fully by this commitment, as well as the principles of transparency and accountability.

Sincerely,

Hon. Keith Hutchings
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MHA, Ferryland
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Sincerely,

The Honourable Keith Hutchings
Minister Responsible for the Office of Public Engagement
Minister of Innovation, Business and Rural Development
Hello Debbie,

Per your request, attached is the document that was prepared yesterday.

Best,
Scott

Scott Barfoot
Director of Communications
Department of Innovation, Business and Rural Development
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
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General
As a government, we take the responsibility to manage the tremendous volume of information we hold very seriously. Our objective is to share as much information as possible while balancing the need to protect such highly sensitive information as personal information pertaining to citizens and commercially sensitive material of businesses.

The cornerstone of the province's ATIPPA is openness, transparency and accountability and the changes brought forward in Bill 29 were sound and reasonable.

The changes made to the legislation in spring 2012 were based on the recommendations outlined by Mr. John Cummings and ensure that the residents of our province have a good, comprehensive piece of legislation, striking a balance between the right of the public to access information and good stewardship on the part of the Provincial Government.

The legislative changes are contained in other Canadian jurisdictions to varying degrees (Cabinet records, frivolous and vexatious, briefing notes and time extensions).

Mr. Ed Ring, the province's Information and Privacy Commissioner, was quoted in the Telegram on June 19, 2012 as stating that, "the legislation remains robust and that people's right to access information will be protected." These are powerful statements coming from the office that is perhaps the most familiar with ATIPPA.

The bottom line here, as expressed by the province's Information and Privacy Commissioner, is that the public's ability to access information has not changed and that the province continues to have a strong law.

The Minister of Justice, during the spring debate, stated that other than the change from remuneration to salary range all other pay and benefits would be treated the same pre and post-Bill 29.

If a requester of information is not satisfied with the response they have every opportunity to request a review with the Privacy Commissioner and Courts.

We acknowledge the delay in processing these requests. Some consultations were required when processing them. If you have any concerns regarding time you can bring them forward to the Privacy Commissioner.
Salary
Prior to the amendments in spring 2012, the exact salary of an employee would be disclosed if requested.

As part of Mr. Cummings review he recommended the adoption of a new harm test, which provides departments and bodies with a list of information, if released, would be harmful to individuals. He also recommended that only the salary range of an employee be disclosed.

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These items recommended by Mr. Cummings were adopted in full.

Under the new legislation, the salary range would be disclosed; however, the exact dollar amount would be shared if there was no salary range.

As a government, we take this input very serious as it our objective to respect and protect the personal information of citizens. Furthermore, five other Canadian jurisdictions take this same approach to managing salary information requests pertaining to employees.

Performance Bonus
The new legislation deems it harmful to disclose an employees’ work history. Therefore, the specific bonus amount of an employee would not be released as it could potentially reflect their performance in the workplace. The bonus range – i.e. the percentage – would be disclosed.

Pensions & Contracts
The treatment of pensions and contracts would be dependent on the specific situation of an individual in question.

Generally speaking pre and post-Bill 29, the pension dollar amount would be withheld as personal information. The standard pension calculation would be disclosed.

It is our understanding that there has also been no change in practice with respect to releasing employment contracts. Generally, contracts would be released with the exception of personal information and other sensitive details such as home address, phone number, and specific bonus amounts and RRSP contributions.
King, Denise R

From: Power, Glenda
Sent: Tuesday, November 20, 2012 7:31 AM
To: Hammond, Lynn
Cc: Brown, Milly; Marnell, Debbie; Collingwood, Jennifer
Subject: Re: Media Call: Employee Remuneration

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From: Barfoot, Scott
Sent: Monday, November 19, 2012 07:21 PM
To: Power, Glenda; Hammond, Lynn
Cc: Brown, Milly; Marnell, Debbie; Collingwood, Jennifer
Subject: Media Call: Employee Remuneration

Hello,

Further my correspondence from Friday regarding media call on employee remuneration, the Minister has requested that I send the enclosed this evening to the reporter as the story is running tomorrow.

Scott

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King, Denise R

From: Barfoot, Scott  
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2012 10:32 AM  
To: Hammond, Lynn  
Cc: Power, Glenda; Brown, Milly; Marnell, Debbie; Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer  
Subject:  
Attachments:  

Hello Lynn,

I am currently compiling information on the second media call pertaining to Bill 29.

Best,
Scott

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Boland, Tracey

From: Quinton, Diana
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 5:55 PM
To: Tulk, Jennifer L; Brown, Milly; Boland, Tracey
Cc: MacLean, Heather; Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer; Williams, Tina
Subject: KMs regarding royalties and Bill 29
Attachments: KMs - Royalties.doc

Diana Quinton
Director of Communications
Natural Resources
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
709-729-5282
Natural Resources
June 17, 2013
Royalties and Bill 29

- Requirements under Bill 29 related to royalties are designed to protect information of a third party provided to government for the sole purpose of royalty administration. This protection is no different than the protection provided to third party tax information collected for tax administration purposes. This protection is necessary to ensure that disclosure harmful to the interests of the third party does not occur.

- This change was made in response to a recommendation provided by Commissioner John Cummings in his review of the ATIPP Act.

- The revised section in ATIPP is worded as follows:
  The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant information that was obtained on a tax return, gathered for the purpose of determining tax liability or collecting a tax, or royalty information submitted on royalty returns, except where that information is non-identifying aggregate royalty information.

- In practice royalty information has always been held confidential under contractual agreements and the royalty regulations.

- The ATIPP legislation goes on to state that the royalty information may be released in the event that the third party consents to the release.
Boland, Tracey

From: Tulk, Jennifer L
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 5:11 PM
To: Quinton, Diana; Releases, News; Brown, Milly; Boland, Tracey
Cc: Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer; Power, Glenda; Gregory, Bill
Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL AND RELEASE TODAY - Minister Welcomes Privacy Commissioner’s Comments About Openness

Approved to be released tomorrow.

From: Quinton, Diana
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 03:52 PM
To: Releases, News; Brown, Milly; Tulk, Jennifer L; Boland, Tracey
Cc: Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer; Power, Glenda; Gregory, Bill
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL AND RELEASE TODAY - Minister Welcomes Privacy Commissioner’s Comments About Openness

Hello:
Just checking on the status of this release.
Thank you,
Diana

From: Releases, News
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2013 10:20 AM
To: Brown, Milly; Tulk, Jennifer L; Boland, Tracey
Cc: Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer; Power, Glenda; Quinton, Diana; Gregory, Bill
Subject: FOR APPROVAL AND RELEASE TODAY - Minister Welcomes Privacy Commissioner’s Comments About Openness

For approval and to be issued today

NLIS
Executive Council
March 25, 2013

Minister Welcomes Privacy Commissioner’s Comments About Openness

Today, the Honourable Keith Hutchings, Minister Responsible for the Office of Public Engagement, responded to recent comments in the media by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, Ed Ring.

“Commissioner Ring has stated that overall since the implementation of Bill 29, he has not encountered many problems with access to information, stating there is openness here,” said Minister Hutchings. “I welcome the commissioner’s comments. As a government, our objective is to share as much information as possible with citizens while balancing the need to protect personal and private information. We have said all along that this bill strikes that balance.”
Proclaimed in January 2005, the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPPA) mandates that a review of the legislation occur within five years and every five years thereafter. The first statutory review of the act was completed by Commissioner John Cummings in 2011 and the bill was proclaimed in June 2012.

Commissioner Ring also stated that of the approximately 600 access requests filed each year, his office does not receive complaints with respect to 80 per cent of those files. Of the remaining 20 per cent, 75 per cent of those are resolved informally through dialogue and discussion between the relevant public body and the Office of Information and Privacy Commissioner. The remainder results in approximately 12 reports a year. Commissioner Ring also added that there is a significantly high compliance rate, 70 per cent, with the recommendations he makes in his reports to the relevant public body.

“In January, I met with Commissioner Ring,” said Minister Hutchings. “We discussed a number of matters regarding the legislation and privacy issues. I look forward to continuing to work with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to address any areas of concern.”

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2013 03 25
Chantalle,

FYI. I have received the e-mail below seven times.

Mary

-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:12 PM
To: Dunderdale, Kathy
Cc: Forsey, Clayton
Subject: Bill 29

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ttyl
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2012 9:10 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Government direction.

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TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1874
TRIM Record URI: 157089

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 12:29 PM
To: Dunderdale, Kathy
Subject: Government direction.

Dear Premier Dunderdale,

Your government is losing all credibility with the passage of the new access to information/privacy legislation. As many others have said: What is it they are trying to hide from the people. Show leadership and withdraw this regressive legislation. We want progressive laws, not ones that rank us with third world dictatorships.

St. John’s, Newfoundland,

ATIPPA, 30.(1)

ATIPPA, Non-responsive
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy  
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 5:37 PM  
To: Premier,  
Subject: TRIM: FW: Bill 29  

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TRIM Record URI: 156201

Sent from my BlackBerry® PlayBook™  
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From:  
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 5:39 PM  
To: Dunderdale, Kathy  
Subject: Re: Bill 29

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ATIPPA, 30.(1)

Dear Mr. Parsons:
I live and vote in your district and I have voted Progressive Conservative provincially since I have been eligible to vote (I'm now 60 years old). I am disappointed with the governments attempt to evoke a veil of secrecy by enacting a very regressive law (Bill 29). I fear that your government's attempt to restrict information, that the public has a right to have access to, will have disastrous implications come the next election. I urge you to vote against it and for the public's right to know what our government is doing on our behalf.

Sent from my BlackBerry® PlayBook™  
www.blackberry.com
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:15 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW:

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TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1621
TRIM Record URI: 156202

Access to information legislation, you should be ashamed Kathy Dunderdale! The most regressive act ever! I feel shamed to be associated with a province where my so called representative government is ignoring the public outrage to this act.

St. John's NL
Dear Premier Dunderdale,

Congratulations at ramming a regressive, anti-democratic piece of legislation down the throats of Newfoundlanders who want MORE-not less-access to information.

We pay your salaries. We pay for every action your government takes. We have a right to check up on you, and the press have a right to investigate your actions on our behalf. The notion that a cabinet minister now has the power to "dismiss" a request is absolutely obscene.

Although I am not generally a Conservative supporter, I had great hopes for you - as a woman, and as a person I thought to be both intelligent and kind-hearted, I thought you might be the perfect premier. What a disappointment you are to me and many others. This was an abuse of power and I sincerely doubt if you will ever have a majority government again. I will certainly do my best come the next election to ensure that you do not.

Also, Minister Collins' remarks were racist, we all know that. On this topic, and on many others the attitude that you and your ministers take towards Lorraine Michaels are nothing more than bullying. In fact it is something that a great many people have a problem with issues with. She is a fine lady, trying to do her job, and the way you people speak to her is disgusting. It will cost you votes, and she will reap them.

Sincerely, and sadly,
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:13 AM
To: Premier
Subject: TRIM: FW: Please vote against the changes introduced in Bill 29

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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TRIM Dataset: OS
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1623
TRIM Record URI: 156204

From: [Redacted]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 10:05 AM
To: Dunderdale, Kathy
Subject: Fw: Please vote against the changes introduced in Bill 29

Resending orginal and adding the following...

From what I gather in talking to friends, family and neighbours about Bill 29, the overwhelming majority of constituents in the district (100% of who I've talked to) do not want these changes implemented (specifically the proposed change to types of documents labeled as restricted from access and the proposed fee structure change meant to deter people or groups from requesting information...especially the "contemplation" fees that can be assessed).

This is very important to me. As my representative (for Virginia Waters), I emplore you to vote against the changes to Access to Information in Bill 29.

Please let me know what else I can do to stop Bill 29 from becoming law. Please also let me know whether there are any non-political / non-industry related constituents that are contacting you with support for implementation of Bill 29.

Regards,

----- Original Message -----
To: kathydunderdale@gov.nl.ca
Sent: 6/13/12 9:12 PM
Subject: Please vote against the changes introduced in Bill 29

Dear Premier Dunderdale,

I am writing to let you know that I (my family) do not support the changes being brought forward in Bill 29. As our representative for Virginia Waters district, please vote against the changes being put forward in Bill 29.

Access to Information should be made easier and include more transparency...not less. There should be no additional types of docs that are considered hidden from the public.

Regards.
I watched the debates in the House concerning Bill 29; and to each of you I have this to say this:

Mrs. Dunderdale:

Nothing happens by chance in politics and your decision to be away from the province when such a serious bill was being debated I find appalling. Please don’t bother to try and convince me, or the public, that you had prior commitments; We come first, you should have been here to answer to the public. FUNNY CLOSURE WAS INVOKED WHEN YOU WERE DUE TO RETURN TO THE PROVINCE.

Mrs. Michael & Mr. Ball:

Thank you for the stand you and your colleagues took to make the people aware of the effect that this type of bill and the modifications that were put forward by the governing party would have on the information that will be available to the public through the access to information act. I feel you both should be proud.

Mr. Osborne:

I never voted for you in the last election, However I have supported you for you nomination for the pc candidate for my district and have supported you in the past in your bid for election to the house and was proud to do so. I feel I can no longer support you or your party if this is the type of leadership I will receive.

PS: I am a private citizen not a loyal supporter of any political party or candidate.
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:11 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Bill 29

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TRIM Dataset: OS
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1625
TRIM Record URI: 156206

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 5:55 PM  
To: Dunderdale, Kathy  
Subject: Bill 29

Ms. Dunderdale,

I am writing to ask you a question concerning bill 29. What are you trying to hide by passing this bill. You were quoted as saying “we are getting to many request and cannot keep up with it” There were only a little over 200 request last year so that got me thinking that you are trying to hide something. We the people of Newfoundland know that there has to be something the Government is trying to hide.

This is something that we Newfoundlanders will add to a long list of bad decisions that you have made. I for one will not vote for YOU ever again.
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:08 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Please read - Bill 29

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TRIM Dataset: OS
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1626
TRIM Record URI: 156207

Dear Ms. Dunderdale,

Help me understand. Can you explain to the people of this province why Bill 29 was necessary?

I will keep this short, but I must join the chorus of Newfoundlanders & Labradorians that are completely incensed and disgusted that our elected officials have spent (wasted!) so much time passing Bill 29 - a bill that is completely unnecessary and undermines democracy. I am furious.

I believe the repercussions of this will be evident come the next election. I for one will certainly not be voting PC. If anything, we'll be faced with an 'ABC' campaign right here in our own province! I only wish we were headed to the polls sooner.

Just wanted to voice my displeasure about this recent turn of events. I can only speak for myself, but I know of many others right here in your constituency that feel the same way. I wish to remain anonymous as I work in the public service and therefore should be 'politically neutral' - but I am still a citizen that has a right to speak out when I feel something terribly wrong has occurred.

-Concerned Citizen
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 10:07 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Bill 29

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Flag Status: Completed

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TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1627
TRIM Record URI: 156208

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From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Saturday, June 16, 2012 8:16 PM  
To: Dunderdale, Kathy  
Subject: Bill 29

Hi Mrs. Dunderdale,

I just wanted to express my opinion on the recent passing of bill 29 from the respect of a 23 year old student from Western Newfoundland. I have never extended my opinion on any government decision to date, however this has been of particular interest to me. In my opinion any publicly funded operation should have a certain degree of transparency as we, the public, use our hard earned money to support it. This transparency ensures that corruption does not occur, it ensures that if mistakes are made that they are recognized and dealt with in an appropriate manner. Bill 29 eliminates most of this transparency and I cannot help but believe that both corruption and mistakes will occur more frequently without it. If there is such an influx of requests for information that offices are being swamped wouldn't it be appropriate to have a position created to handle these requests? Government decisions should be made in the best interest of Newfoundland, if all decisions made are, then government should be proud to make them readily available to the public.

I recognize that I am just one voice from a small town of 200-300 people, and that no matter how many e-mails I send to government officials chances are the bill will stay in place. My only option is to plea with you that this is not the right decision for the people of Newfoundland.

Sincerely an extremely concerned, and proud Newfoundland citizen.
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Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 10:36 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: re 29

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TRIM Dataset: 05
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1618
TRIM Record URI: 156127

-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 9:52 AM
To: Dunderdale, Kathy
Subject: re 29

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I believe the worst mistake a politician can make is to insult the intelligence of the electorate. This is what you have done with bill 29.

This not better for us or the province - you insult us by saying so.

It is a mechanism for this government to coverup the true costs and agendas of the muskrat fiasco.

Sadly, you have committed political suicide with this bill.
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy  
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 10:36 AM  
To: Premier,  
Cc: McCrate, Doreen  
Subject: TRIM: FW: MHA and Bill 29

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TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1617  
TRIM Record URI: 156126

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 9:45 AM  
To: Dunderdale, Kathy  
Subject: MHA and Bill 29

Hi,

Your my MHA. Here are some of my concerns and some hard facts on why access to information is important:

None of the following could have come out under the proposed changes to our provincial act
- The details about the F35 fighters;
- The details about the purchases at the G-8-20 summits;
- The details of the Gazebo Gate;
- The details of the robocalls came about through federal access to information requests;
- The constituency scandal went on for years and years because there was no open access for the auditor general to look at the books at the house of assembly;
- The privacy investigator/privacy commissioner only had over 500 requests for information for the entire province so I cannot see why this is an issue. I answer about 10-20 emails a day ranging that are of varying technical difficulty. Why can't the privacy investigator/privacy commissioner deal with that?;

- Why hide anything? You were voted by the people for the people, so why hide information from the people?;
- My vote will be lost if this this bill is passed and so will many others; and,
- It disgraces me that NL is moving in this direction.

[Redacted]
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 8:46 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Opposing Bill 29

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TRIM Dataset: 05
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1612
TRIM Record URI: 156121

From: [Redacted] ATIPPA, 30.1
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 2:58 PM
To: Dunderdale, Kathy
Subject: Fwd: Opposing Bill 29

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From: [Redacted] ATIPPA, 30.1
Date: Wed, Jun 13, 2012 at 2:43 PM
Subject: Opposing Bill 29
To: dancrummell@gov.nl.ca

I would like to express my extreme dissatisfaction with the tabling of Bill 29. I am opposed to the Bill that will amend the provincial Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act which will limit the public’s ability to access information and the Auditor General’s ability to request the necessary information to protect the taxpayers of this Province.

A fundamental right of taxpayers is to know the decisions its government is making and that it is in the best interest of the people of this province. Passage of this Bill will allow ministerial briefings to be kept secret, ignore requests for information based on cabinet ministers opinions and stop the auditor general from access to certain records. I take great exception to a bill that will allow ministers of government to make decisions on the secrecy of a document(s). This new scope of authority for MHAs was not what they were elected to do and hinders the democratic right to challenge decisions based on facts. We have a democratic system of government that has established an official opposition party. Bill 29 diminishes the accountability and transparency of a democratic governance to ensure that a government serves and acts in the best interest of the people of this Province. Government scandals of the past were supposed to be lessons for those in power to move to a more open and transparent governance. Yet now we have legislation being implemented by a government who currently have the power of majority to pass a Bill that infringes on the public’s democratic right to access information relating to government activities and decisions.

Not only is this regressive legislation but leaves the public wondering why this current government wished to pursue this so aggressively when public opinion clearly shows this is bad legislation.
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 10:36 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: re 29

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Hi,

As our MHA, I want to express my displeasure in Bill 29. And I have a question for you. why does the Provincial Government need to hide information?

The provincial government has given its employees the ability to block the release of anything and it makes me feel our Government is going backwards. We have a right to access information and they plan on taking that away.

This just leaves the doors wide open...or should I say shut to prevent the the public from scrutinizing or recalling those who abuse the system and hide information.

Bill 29 must be repealed!

J
I am disappointed with this recent Bill your party is putting forwards. Please don’t make me regret voting for you in the last election. It’s not too late to admit your mistake and stop moving forward with this giant step backward.

(Virginia Waters)
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 8:42 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Question about Bill 29

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TRIM Dataset: OS
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1615
TRIM Record URI: 156124

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 8:06 PM
To: Dunderdale, Kathy
Subject: Question about Bill 29

Hello Madam Premier,

I am writing as a lifetime provincial PC voter, and concerned citizen of the great province of Newfoundland and Labrador. I have several questions I need to ask you.

Why is the government so insistent to pass Bill 29, which will lower the accountability level of the provincial government? I saw on Here and Now tonight that the changes will make the government less accountable than the governments of Ethiopia, Uganda, and other third world countries. Is this really the direction you wish to take the province in?

I have always supported the Conservatives in NL, but this bill has put doubt in my head. What does the PC government have to hide? We pay the government to govern, and be as accountable and transparent as possible in the process; this flies in the face of all of that, and strikes me as undemocratic in its very nature. How does cutting the lines of information benefit anyone outside of Confederation Building?

With a filibuster occurring as I write this letter, we are unable to focus on urgent matters, as the opposition rightfully attempts to fight bill 29. There is obviously a reason so many people are concerned about it, why not go back to the drawing board and find a compromise? There are obviously problems with the bill which need to be addressed.

This is one of the first times I have attempted to contact a politician directly, I hope this finds you well, and that you understand how greatly concerned I am about this.

Thank you for your time.

St. John's, NL
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2012 8:40 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Bill 29

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TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1611
TRIM Record URI: 156120

Bill 29 is unacceptable and will cost the PC Party my vote, and, I am certain, the vote of many others.
Will the real Kathy Dunderdale please stand up. Where is Kathy Dunderdale who was protesting with the people of Burin 20-30 years ago standing shoulder to shoulder with the salt of the earth trying to protect the jobs of the people of Burin? Is that the real Kathy Dunderdale? Or is the real Kathy Dunderdale the person who wants to saddle the children of NL with $8 000 000 debt and to bring in a bill so that we can never know how much corruption and stupid mistakes are made by govenment?

A word of caution to Kathy, look around at the members of government, look past the money and the suits, look at all the male ego's around you and don't let those people influence your thinking. Go back to Burin for two days and get in contact with real people again. Take 'money' and 'votes' out of your vocabulary. You might be at a point where you really thinks you are doing good because of all she has learned over the years. I just want Kathy to know sometimes what you learn and think you know is not always right.
Dear Premier Dunderdale,

First of all, you are my MHA, but I've never met you in my district as MHA or candidate - neither during campaigns nor since. As a matter of fact, no one I know in the entire district has. So, it's possible you may not be familiar with me nor any of my neighbors in this district. Therefore, I will attempt to acquaint myself to you then.

I am a constituent, a local businessman running two businesses now, and most importantly the custodial parent of three wonderful children living on St. John's, Newfoundland NL.

Often times neighbors talk, especially in the mornings at the school bus stop as we attend to our children awaiting getting the bus to school. Today's topic of conversation was concerning the ATIPPA legislation currently before the house as table by your government. I wish I could say "our government" but the exclusion of even fellows like me (who were die-hard PCs from junior high til recent times) feel disconnected, to put it mildly.

As one of your constituents, a citizen of Newfoundland and Labrador, a taxpayer and someone very interested in the governance of Newfoundland and Labrador, I am asking you to represent me and vote against this current legislation - in your capacity as my MHA. It is firmly my belief that this legislation will further distance the government from the people of Newfoundland and Labrador at a crucial time when transparency and openness is needed. We face a critical time in our history, and considering the Muskrat Falls dilemma in front of us plus the ignoring of using our natural gas as an energy solution, I firmly believe that information must be made available to every concerned citizen who wishes to have it.
Please, do not hide your government from we, the people.

Sincerest regards,

[Redacted]

ATIPPA, 30.(1)

St. John's
Newfoundland and Labrador
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 8:46 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Bill 29

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TRIM Record URI: 155939

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From: [name redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 7:21 PM
To: Kennedy, Jerome; Dunderdale, Kathy
Subject: Bill 29

Good day Mr. Kennedy and Mrs Dunderdale

CBC news says "Bill 29 imposes a sweeping range of restrictions on people’s right to know what is happening with the provincial government — and their tax dollars."

Comments like this really make me wonder why the provincial would want to pass such a bill. In light of past events that have been uncovered by the auditor general such as MHA overspending, pushing through a bill like this just makes it look like the Dunderdale government is trying to hide something. Not the type of government that I would want running my province.....I'll have to rethink my vote next time :-)

Regards

Harbour Grace
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 1:52 PM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Bill 29

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1525
TRIM Record URI: 155932

-----Original Message-----
From: [Redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 11:52 AM
To: Dunderdale, Kathy; Collins, Felix
Cc: Ball, Dwight; Michael, Lorraine
Subject: Bill 29

Madam Premier, Minister Collins,

I see no way that this bill strengthens the Access to Information Act. In fact, you are weakening it. The government already has provisions dealing with exclusions to the FOI Act requesting information such as businesses doing business with government and/or "Trade Secrets" among other requests. You are removing any right to appeal now available from the Ombudsman with the exception of the Provincial Supreme Court. Many of us general public citizens of the province can't afford to take this action. Large corporations such as media outlets would be able to afford a court challenge, especially in the media banded together to file an appeal. If such an appeal was successful, would your next bill be to remove the media and the general public from the Public Gallery??

Minister Collins, your government, in particular, your department, has regressed in the FOI with this legislation, rather than progressed. Your government is removing even the Auditor General (AG) and the Ombudsman from requesting information. The AG requires information available only to Cabinet and its members to perform his functions, i.e. looking after how our money is spent and ensuring that the Public Service is acting in the best interests of the province. Without this access, he is handcuffed in the performance of his duties.

The only decision anybody except the PC Government can reach, is that government is preparing either a Bill or has a file that they are afraid of the general public getting access to under the FOI Act. With the Department Minister having the final say, this is grossly biased. If there is something in the department that the Bureaucrats want hidden they only have to go to the Minister and let her/him know that they do not want that information made public. We all know that it's the bureaucrats who run the government. The PC's have said that they are an open government - Prove it to the general public by removing this bill and allowing a Free Vote.
Dear Mr. Collins
I am writing to express my disgust at your new Bill 29. It’s funny how arrogant politicians get when in a position of government for too long. I’m not even going to bother to write a long winded explanation of how what you just did erodes democracy. I’m sure you know. I wonder if you know that it won’t be forgotten come the next provincial election. Or have the progressive conservatives in NL gotten so secure that they think they are unbeatable? For the record I voted for you last time.
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 8:59 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Bill 29

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TRIM Dataset: 05
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1522
TRIM Record URI: 155929

From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 5:37 PM
To: Dunderdale, Kathy
Subject: Bill 29

Dear Premier,

The government’s new information access legislation is puzzling and disappointing to the point of speechlessness. What does the government hope to gain? This move can only weaken the standing and dignity of the Progressive Conservatives in Newfoundland and Labrador. Please, please reconsider this move.

Kind regards,
Premier,

From: Dunderdale, Kathy  
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 8:56 AM  
To: Premier,  
Subject: TRIM: FW: Bill 29? Why This, Why Now???

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TRIM Dataset: OS  
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1523  
TRIM Record URI: 155930

From: [Redacted]  
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 7:36 PM  
To: Parsons, Andrew; Peach, Calvin; Johnson, Charlene; Mitchelmore, Christopher; Forsey, Clayton; Jackman, Clyde; Kirby, Dale; Crummell, Dan; King, Darin; Brazil, David J.; Dalley, Derrick; Ball, Dwight; Joyce, Eddie; Cross, Eli; Collins, Felix; Murphy, George; Rogers, Gerry; Little, Glen; Littlejohn, Glen; Kennedy, Jerome; Bennett, Jim; Burke, Joan; Dinn, John; Hutchings, Keith; Russell, Keith; O'Brien, Kevin; Parsons, Kevin; Pollard, Kevin; Michael, Lorraine; McGrath, Nick; Davis, Paul A; Lane, Paul; Dunderdale, Kathy; Edmunds, Randy; Hunter, Ray; Wiseman, Ross; Collins, Sandy; Kent, Steve; Sullivan, Susan; French, Terry; Hedderson, Tom; Marshall Q.C., Hon. Thomas; Osborne, Tom; Connct, Tony; Perry, Tracey; Granter, Vaughn; Verge, Wade; Jones, Yvonne  
Subject: FW: Bill 29? Why This, Why Now???

I am appalled at Bill 29’s potential to block Freedom of Information requests.

Given Stephen Harper’s use of a financial budget to change over 70 laws, especially Environmental Laws, I wonder why the Provincial Conservative government is moving in this direction - Why This? and Why Now? Perhaps it’s related to the upcoming signing of the European Trade Agreement or other agreements that might affect our fishery, our resources, our fresh water, our local employment potentials.

Our government was elected to act on behalf of its citizens! If the government cannot defend its decisions, actions or signed agreements they cannot be allowed to hide behind a curtain of secrecy.

This must be stopped.
Dear Ms. Burke:

As a constituent and more importantly as one of your employers and taxpayer, I strongly disagree with the new amendments to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Barring the auditor general from a wider array of records will only bring further public distrust of government. The public, as the employer of all members of this government has a right to know how and where tax dollars are being spent. As a matter of fact, I am very seriously thinking I will organize a petition against these amendments as they are so undemocratic it is shameful. This government is acting more like a dictatorship than a democracy. This Progressive Conservative party has received my last vote.

Your constituent,

Barachois Brook
From: Dunderdale, Kathy
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 8:55 AM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: FW: Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

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TRIM Dataset: 05
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/1595
TRIM Record URI: 156104

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2012 10:13 PM
To: Dunderdale, Kathy
Subject: Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Dear Brian Tobin
Your disgusting changes to this legislation will not be forgotten in the next election. Can't believe I voted for your guy. Glad he never got elected.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 4:32 PM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Attachments: Email_FW: Debate on Thursday, June 14th.html

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3389
TRIM Record URI: 156226

Hi Rhonda,

Please have a response drafted for your Minister's signature to the attached e-mail and forward a copy of the response to premier@gov.nl.ca.

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1632
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1629
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,  
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 4:26 PM  
To: Stewart, Rhonda  
Attachments: Email_Access To Information.html  
TRIM Dataset: 05  
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3385  
TRIM Record URI: 156222

Hi Rhonda,

Please have a response drafted for your Minister's signature to the attached e-mail and forward a copy of the response to premier@gov.nl.ca.

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1628  
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1627
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1626
Title: Email from Concerned Citizen to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1624
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1621
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1620
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1613
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1616
Title: Additional email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:01 AM
To: Stewart, Rhonda

Attachments: Email_FW: MHA and Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: OS
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3328
TRIM Record URI: 156152

Hi Rhonda,

Please have a response drafted for your Minister's signature to the attached e-mail and forward a copy of the response to premier@gov.nl.ca.

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1617
Title: Additional Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 10:00 AM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Attachments: Email_Bill 29.html

Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1594
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1595
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1596
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1597
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: ImportError
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:58 AM
To: Stewart, Rhonda

Attachments: Email_Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: OS
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3333
TRIM Record URI: 156157

Hi Rhonda,

Please have a response drafted for your Minister's signature to the attached e-mail and forward a copy of the response to premier@gov.nl.ca.

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1598
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:57 AM
To: Stewart, Rhonda

Attachments: Email_Stop Bill 29.html

Hi Rhonda,

Please have a response drafted for your Minister's signature to the attached e-mail and forward a copy of the response to premier@gov.nl.ca.

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1599
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1600
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Record Number: iCOR2012/1601
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1602
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1603
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:55 AM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Attachments: Email_Access to information bill.html

TRIM Dataset: 05
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3339
TRIM Record URI: 156163

Hi Rhonda,

Please have a response drafted for your Minister’s signature to the attached e-mail and forward a copy of the response to premier@gov.nl.ca.

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1604
Title : Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1605
Title : Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:54 AM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Attachments: Email_Disappointed in Your Government!!!.html

TRIM Dataset: 05
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3341
TRIM Record URI: 156165

Hi Rhonda,

Please have a response drafted for your Minister’s signature to the attached e-mail and forward a copy of the response to premier@gov.nl.ca.

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1606
Title: Email from [redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1607
Title: Email from [redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1608
Title: Email from [redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
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Record Number: ICOR2012/1609
Title: Email from [Redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:50 AM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Subject: ATIPPA, 30.1

Attachments: Email_access to information bill.html

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3345
TRIM Record URI: 156169

Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1610
Title : Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,  
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:50 AM
To: Stewart, Rhonda

Attachments: Email_FW: Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3346
TRIM Record URI: 156170

Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1611
Title : Email from [Redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Stewart, Rhonda
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:49 AM
To: Premier

Attachments: Email_FW: Opposing Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: ICOR2012/3347
TRIM Record URI: 156171

Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1612
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:44 AM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Attachments: Email_FW: Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3348
TRIM Record URI: 156172

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1614
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,  
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2012 9:42 AM  
To: Stewart, Rhonda  
Attachments: Email_FW: Question about Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: 05  
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3349  
TRIM Record URI: 156173

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1615  
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Office of the Premier

Record Number: ICOR2012/1618
Title: Email from [redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
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Record Number:    ICOR2012/1541
Title : Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Attachments: Email_Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3375
TRIM Record URI: 156199

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1537
Title : Email from [Redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:37 PM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Attachments: Email_Re: Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: OS
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3373
TRIM Record URI: 156197

Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1534
Title: Email from [REDACTED] from to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Stewart, Rhonda  
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:34 PM  
To:  

Attachments: Email_FW: Kathy Dunderdale.html

TRIM Dataset: O5  
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3367  
TRIM Record URI: 156191

Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1535  
Title : Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Stewart, Rhonda
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:33 PM
To: Premier

Attachments:
Email_FW: Bill 29? Why This, Why Now???.html

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3366
TRIM Record URI: 156190

Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1523
Title : Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier, Stewart, Rhonda
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:33 PM
Subject: Email_FW: Amendments to Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act.html
Attachments: TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3365
TRIM Record URI: 156189

Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1524
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Minister Burke regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:32 PM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Attachments: Email_FW: Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3364
TRIM Record URI: 156188

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1527
Title: Email from [Redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29: Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.

ATIPPA, 30.1
Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1529
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Minister Collins regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Hi Rhonda,

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1530
Title : Email from [redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
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Office of the Premier

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Record Number: ICOR2012/1531
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:29 PM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Subject: TRIM: TRIM INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE : ICOR2012/1522 : Email from to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Attachments: Email_FW: Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: OS
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3357
TRIM Record URI: 156181

Hi Rhonda,

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Title: Email from [redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Hi Rhonda,

Please have a response drafted for your Minister’s signature to the attached e-mail and forward a copy of the response to premier@gov.nl.ca.

Thank you for your assistance.

Chantalle Hull
Office of the Premier

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Chantalle Hull
Office of the Premier

Record Number: ICOR2012/1521
Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Minister Collins regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:27 PM
To: Stewart, Rhonda

Attachments: Email_Changes to Access to Information in NL.html

TRIM Dataset: OS
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3353
TRIM Record URI: 156177

Hi Rhonda,

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Thank you for your assistance.

Chantalle Hull
Office of the Premier

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Title: Email from [REDACTED] to Minister French regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Premier,
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 4:27 PM
To: Stewart, Rhonda
Subject: ATIPPA, 30.(1)
Attachments: Email_Bill 29.html

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/3352
TRIM Record URI: 156176

Hi Rhonda,

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Thank you for your assistance.

Chantalle Hull
Office of the Premier

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Title: Email from [Redacted] to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill 29- Changes to the Access to Information and the Protection of Privacy Act.
Premier,

From: Stewart, Rhonda
Sent: Wednesday, July 04, 2012 1:52 PM
To: Premier,
Subject: Ministerial Response to Incoming Correspondence for Premier
Attachments: ATIPPA.pdf

RE: Following correspondence sent to Justice Department: 21 June 2012

ICOR2012/1632 - 19 June 2012
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ICOR2012/1625 - 19 June 2012
ICOR2012/1624 - 19 June 2012
ICOR2012/1623 - 19 June 2012

RE: Following correspondence emailed to Justice Department: 20 June 2012:

ICOR2012/1541 - 14 June 2012

ATIPPA, 30.(1)
Please find attached the Minister of Justice and Attorney General’s response to all of the above-noted correspondence.

Regards,
Rhonda Stewart
Administrative Assistant to the
Hon. Felix Collins
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
Department of Justice
(709) 729-2869 (Office)
rhondas@gov.nl.ca
29 June 2012

I am replying to your recent email to Premier Dunderdale regarding Bill-29, an Act to Amend the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act. As the Department of Justice is responsible for the Act, Premier Dunderdale asked that I reply on her behalf.

The act, proclaimed in 2005, requires a review of the legislation occur within five years and every five years thereafter. The completion of this first review fulfills a key piece of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act. In addition, a public consultation process helped form the basis of the recommendations contained in the review.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act is about striking a balance between the right of the public to access information and good stewardship on the part of government. Cabinet materials under this act will continue to be protected. Cabinet confidence is vitally important on many levels and exempting cabinet material is a standard practice across all jurisdictions across Canada.

Bill 29 ensures that the Auditor General will continue to receive the information he had before. There is absolutely no change. In addition, the Auditor General has full access to all the financial expenditures of the province. On a regular basis, the Provincial Government provides financial reports to the Auditor General. Every expenditure, every dollar spent is subject to audit.

We have made positive changes to the fee schedule which will benefit applicants. Currently, the applicant is entitled to receive two hours of free processing time with respect to their access requests. The new fee schedule will extend the amount of free time from two hours to four hours and the hourly fee rate is consistent with other jurisdictions. In addition, the $5.00 application fee for ATIPP requests has not changed nor has the ability for public bodies to waive the payment of fees in certain circumstances.

Amendments to ATIPPA will also provide public bodies the ability to disregard frivolous and vexatious requests. These are requests which have no purpose or are highly repetitious. Most straightforward, reasonable requests can be handled in the four hours of
free search time. However, frivolous and vexatious requests can take a substantial amount of time and cost a significant amount of money with often no cooperation from the applicant to narrow the scope of their request.

But the point that is being missed is that the public body must notify an applicant that the request is refused due to it being frivolous and vexatious and a reason must be provided for such a refusal. The applicant also has the right to appeal that decision with Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner or the court. To simplify, if a department determines a request is frivolous and vexatious, the applicant has every right to appeal and this legislation will provide for that. It should also be noted that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner has the same right to refuse frivolous and vexatious complaints.

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Again, I thank you for your comments, and I trust that I have answered any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Felix Collins
Minister of Justice
and Attorney General

c: Office of the Premier
Premier,

From: Stewart, Rhonda
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2012 3:46 PM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: Ministerial Response to Incoming Correspondence for Premier
Attachments: [Redacted].pdf

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/4273
TRIM Record URI: 157510

RE: ICOR2012/1874 – [Redacted]

Attached please find the Minister of Justice and Attorney General’s reply to the above-noted correspondence.

RHONDA STEWART
Administrative Assistant to the
Honourable Felix Collins
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
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P. O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL A1B 4J6
(709) 729-2869 (Phone)
(709) 729-0469 (Fax)
rhondas@gov.nl.ca
25 July 2012

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Sincerely,

Felix Collins
Minister of Justice
and Attorney General

c: Office of the Premier
Premier,

From: Stewart, Rhonda
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2012 4:52 PM
To: Premier,
Subject: TRIM: Ministerial Response to Incoming Correspondence for Premier
Attachments: [redacted].pdf

TRIM Dataset: O5
TRIM Record Number: OCOR2012/5982
TRIM Record URI: 159994

RE: ICOR2012/2093 — [redacted]

Attached please find the Minister of Justice and Attorney General’s response to the above-noted correspondence.

RHONDA STEWART
Administrative Assistant to the Minister
Department of Justice
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P. O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL A1B 4J6
(709) 729-2869 (Phone)
(709) 729-0469 (Fax)
rhondas@gov.nl.ca
October 18, 2012

Dear [Name],

I am replying to your recent email to Premier Dunderdale wherein you reference the flow of information and its importance to the residents of our province. As the Department of Justice is responsible for the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPPA), Premier Dunderdale asked that I reply on her behalf.

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The recent amendments ensure that the Auditor General will continue to receive the information he had before, and the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner and the courts will play an important oversight role in this legislation. I want to assure you that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador remains very much committed to the important principles of transparency and accountability.

Thank you for sharing your views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Felix Collins
Minister of Justice
and Attorney General

Office of the Premier
Howard, Jacquelyn

From: Howard, Jacquelyn
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2012 10:58 AM
To: Colman-Sadd, Vanessa; Hammond, Lynn; Brown, Milly; Collingwood, Jennifer; Power, Glenda
Subject: RE: ATIPPA briefings key messages

I’ll give you a call. J

From: Colman-Sadd, Vanessa
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 9:52 AM
To: Hammond, Lynn; Brown, Milly; Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer; Power, Glenda
Subject: ATIPPA briefings key messages

Please see the attached key messages/Q and As.

Vanessa
Howard, Jacquelyn

From: Howard, Jacquelyn
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2012 9:56 AM
To: Hammond, Lynn; Colman-Sadd, Vanessa; Brown, Milly; Collingwood, Jennifer; Power, Glenda
Subject: Re: ATIPPA briefings key messages

Will do.
Communications
Executive Council
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
P.O.Box 8700
St.John's, NL
Canada
A1B 4J6

Sent Via BlackBerry

From: Hammond, Lynn
To: Colman-Sadd, Vanessa; Brown, Milly; Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer; Power, Glenda
Subject: Re: ATIPPA briefings key messages

Jacq. Can you connect with Vanessa on these please?

Sent Via BlackBerry

From: Colman-Sadd, Vanessa
To: Hammond, Lynn; Brown, Milly; Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer; Power, Glenda
Subject: ATIPPA briefings key messages

Please see the attached key messages/Q and As.

Vanessa
Collingwood, Jennifer

From: Colman-Sadd, Vanessa
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2012 11:28 AM
To: Power, Glenda; Brown, Milly
Cc: Howard, Jacquelyn; Collingwood, Jennifer
Subject: ATIPPA Letter to the Editor Pam Frampton response
Attachments: ATIPPA Letter to the Editor Pam Frampton response.doc

Here's the revised letter. Minister has reviewed. ATIPPA, 20.(1)(o)

Vanessa
Letter to the Editor
June 26, 2012

Dear Editor,

I wish to respond to the editorial which appeared in the Telegram’s June 23, 2012 edition by Pam Frampton entitled “Control Freaks”.

With all due respect to Ms. Frampton, I wish to correct a number of assertions she has made in her article. That article reiterates inaccurate information that has been circulating about the amendments to the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPPA) and are simply wrong.

First of all, I stand by my statements that the amendments in Bill 29 enhance and strengthen ATIPPA. This act must strike a balance between the right of the public to access information and good stewardship on the part of the Provincial Government.

Mr. Ed Ring, the province’s Information and Privacy Commissioner, was quoted in the Telegram on June 19, 2012 as stating that, “the legislation remains robust and that people’s right to access information will be protected.” Mr. Ring indicated in the same article that the province has a strong law. I would suggest that these are powerful statements coming from the office that is perhaps the most familiar with ATIPPA.

With respect to media not being provided with a copy of the bill before first reading this is a matter of parliamentary procedure and not an excuse as Ms. Frampton suggests. Standing Order 83 states that all Bills shall be printed before Second Reading and, in addition, former Speaker Harvey Hodder made a ruling on the distribution of bills in the House of Assembly on May 18, 2006. He stated that "the Parliamentary procedure is - and it is the custom and practice not only of this House but all other Houses- that Bills are distributed after First Reading has been given."

In addition, media are not provided with the actual legislation pertaining to the budget, the Main Supply Bill, before it is tabled. Media are shown budget documents and provided with briefings in a lock up process on the day the budget is delivered. They are prevented from reporting on details until the Minister of Finance stands to deliver the budget speech.

Ms. Frampton states in her article that she wishes not to play games. She has done just that by making assertions that are wrong.

With regards to Muskrat Falls, the Premier has stated time and time again that there has been more information released about this project than any other mega-project in the history of this province. What’s more is that the commitment has been made to continue to release important information so as to inform public debate.
Ms. Frampton’s assertions that information about the ER/PR inquiry, the Burton Winters tragedy and the search for a new President for Memorial University would not be released under the new legislation are wrong.

First, the ER/PR inquiry was governed under the Public Inquiries Act, 2006 which is outside the ATIPPA process. Information would have been released and to say differently is irresponsible and promotes fearmongering.

Second, information regarding the Burton Winters tragedy also would have been released and in no way would be a “secret” under the amendments to ATIPPA.

Third, information released regarding the search for a new President of Memorial University would still be released under the new amendments.

I would suggest that Ms. Frampton review Hansard for Thursday, June 14, 2012. If she had done so, she would have seen an intelligent debate about the merits of Bill 29 and she would have seen a number of government members address the correct information about Bill 29. Perhaps she would have been better informed about Bill 29 before she wrote her column.

I would also point out Section 31 of ATIPPA to Ms. Frampton. This sections states, “whether or not a request for access is made, the head of a public body shall, without delay, disclose to the public, to an affected group of people or to an applicant, information about a risk of significant harm to the environment or to the health or safety of the public or a group of people, the disclosure of which is clearly in the public interest.” This section is a mandatory provision with which a public body must comply.

As the Information and Privacy Commissioner stated in his media interviews about Bill 29, the new legislation does not prevent ATIPPA from doing its job.

Sincerely,
Felix Collins
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
From: Colman-Sadd, Vanessa
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2012 11:04 AM
To: Power, Glenda; Brown, Milly; Collingwood, Jennifer; Howard, Jacquelyn
Subject: ATIPPA Letter to the Editor Pam Frampton response

Glenda,
Please see the attached letter to the editor to address inaccurate information about Bill 29 in Pam Frampton's article over the weekend.

Vanessa
Hi Jennifer and Denise,

I wanted to let you know that the requests below will be posted on the Completed Access Request website today, August 23, 2013:

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Thanks,
Sonja

Sonja El-Gohary | Senior Privacy Analyst