Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: HCS/030/2017]

On March 20, 2017, The Department of Health and Community Services received your request for access to the following records:

“A copy of the contracts or agreements between Universal Helicopters, 103 SAR, Cougar Helicopters and/or the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador for provision of rotor-wing air ambulance services in Newfoundland and Labrador between 2006 and the present.”

Please be advised that the Department of Health and Community Services has reviewed this request and the Department of Health and Community Services has no records responsive to your request.

The Department of Health and Community Services does not have any contracts or agreements for the provision of rotor-wing (Helicopter) air ambulance services for Universal Helicopters, 103 SAR, and Cougar Helicopters Inc.

The agreement for Universal Helicopters is with the Department of Transportation and Works. Please submit an ATIPP request to Transportation and Works to obtain this contract.

103 SAR assistance for the medevac of critical patients is provided by Department of National Defense to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador at no cost at this time.

Cougar Helicopters Inc. provides per flight charter services as required.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). 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.

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

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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.

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 Completed Access to Information Requests 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 me by telephone at 709-729-7010 or by email at VanessaMacey@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Macey
ATIPP Coordinator