May 3, 2017

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: FIN-25-2017]

On April 3, 2017, the Department of Finance received the following request for access to information:

“A list of all briefing material provided to the minister during March 2017.”

The Department of Finance is pleased to inform you that your request has been granted in part and is as follows:

- Newfoundland and Labrador Economic and Financial Overview and Outlook.
- Issuance of a Tax Credit Certificate for under the interactive Digital Media Tax Credit Regulations.

The following is noted in the preparation of this response:

- Some information is considered Harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body and has been severed pursuant to section 35.(1)(d) of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015.
- Some information is considered Harmful to business interests of a third party and has been severed pursuant to section 39.(2) of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015.
- The preparation of this response considered only those briefing materials provided to the Minister in her capacity as the Minister Responsible for the Department of Finance. It does not include briefing materials provided to Minister Bennett in her capacity as Minister Responsible for the Human Resource Secretariat; the Office of the Chief Information Officer; Status of Women; or the Public Service Commission. If you require a similar listing related to these portfolios, please consult the applicable ATIPP Coordinators.
- As a member of Cabinet and various Cabinet Committees, and as the President of Treasury Board, which is also a Committee of Cabinet, the Minister is provided briefing materials on a weekly basis regarding upcoming agenda items. These briefings are Cabinet Confidences and therefore have not been included in the above listing, pursuant to section 27(1)(i) and section 27(2)(a) of the ATIPPA.
Additional information regarding the exceptions to disclosure applied above (section 27, 35 & 39 of ATIPPA) are available online at: http://www.assembly.nl.ca/Legislation/sr/statutes/a01-2.htm

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:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

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 responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response 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 responsive records 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 feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-2082, or by email at bethbartlett@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Beth Bartlett
ATIPP Coordinator