Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Our File #: JUS/01012014)

On July 29, 2014, the Department of Justice received your request for access to the following records:

- The amount spent on the Canine Therapy Program at the West Coast Correctional Centre as well as the Bishop's Falls Correctional Centre. Costs for the program should be broken down from inception by fiscal years and by centre offering the program.
- Copy of any evaluation reports/analysis done on the outcomes of this program.

I am pleased to inform you that the Canine Therapy Program was in place for approximately one year. The costs related to the program are as follows:

**West Coast Correctional Centre – Stephenville**

2011/12 - $4,424.94

**Bishop’s Falls Correctional Centre**

2011/12 - $4,898.82

The Canine Therapy Program is a community partnership that places dogs from various humane societies temporarily inside Newfoundland and Labrador correctional facilities for intensive socialization and training by inmates. For the inmates, this program promotes social interaction, cooperation, morale and helps diminish the institutional stress level. As the Canine Therapy Program did not operate as an official government funded program, a formal evaluation on its outcomes was not completed.
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 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 questions, please contact the ATIPP Coordinator, Neil Croke, at 709-729-7906, or ncroke@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

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