July 31, 2013

Dear [Redacted];

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: PRE-9-2013]

On June 4, 2013 the Premier’s Office received your request for access to the following records:

During the CETA negotiations, the NL government negotiated with the federal government by requesting improvements to search and rescue. Request copies of all the correspondence to and from the federal government including the list of improvements to SAR, sought by the provincial government, as well as all the offers to improve SAR, put forth by the federal government, and any concessions or agreements by the provincial government in exchange for any proposed improvements to search and rescue.

On July 3, 2013 you were advised that the 30 day time limit for responding to your request had been extended for an additional 30 days in accordance with Section 16 (1)(d) as more time was needed to consult with a third party.

Please be advised that your request has been fully considered; however, access to these 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):

Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations

23. (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if the disclosure could reasonably be expected to

(a) harm the conduct by the government of the province of relations between that government and the following or their agencies:

(i) the government of Canada or a province,

(iii) the government of a foreign state, and

(iv) an international organization of states.
Section 43 of the *Act* provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this 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:

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,

[Signature]

Denise King  
Director of Policy