

August 22, 2018

ATIPPA, 2015 section 40.(1)

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: AESL/021/2018]

On July 26, 2018 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour received your request for access to the following records/information:

“1. Government expenditure on income assistance specifically for persons with disabilities (if available), as well as information regarding the number of individuals with disabilities receiving income assistance per fiscal year. If possible, we would like to obtain this information from fiscal year 1999-2000 to present.

2. Government expenditure on programs for post-secondary students with disabilities (financial aid, support programs, etc.), as well as the number of people accessing these programs per fiscal year. Again, we would like to obtain this information from fiscal year 1999-2000 to present if possible.”

Per our discussion on August 7, 2018, Newfoundland and Labrador does not have an income support program specifically for persons with disabilities. As such, there is no responsive information regarding the first part of your request.

Regarding the second part of your request, for government expenditure on programs for post-secondary students with disabilities including the number who accessed same, I am pleased to inform you it has been granted in part. The department provides assistance to persons with disabilities through its Student Financial Assistance Program and its Employment and Training Programs. Detail by fiscal year is included in the attachment.

Funding amounts for Skills Development are unavailable from fiscal years 2009-10 to 2013-14 due to system limitations; a new computer system was implemented in 2013-14 and no responsive record exists prior to this time. The only way to ascertain amounts prior to this period would be to implement a manual search of all files for that time period. Unfortunately, resources are not available to perform a manual search as it would interfere with the operations of the department. As well, prior to 2009-10 the federal government was responsible for this funding and this department has no responsive information.

Section 42 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 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
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event you wish to appeal to the Supreme Court, you must do so within 15 business days of the date of this letter. Section 52 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 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 at (709) 729-5152 or davemoore@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



DAVID MOORE
ATIPP Coordinator

Attachment

Student Financial Services Division

Fiscal Year	Total Number of Borrowers with Permanent Disabilities	Total Value of Canada Student Grant for Students with Permanent Disabilities	Total Number of Students who accessed the Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities	Total Value (\$) of Canada Student Grant for Services and Equipment for Students with Permanent Disabilities	Total Number of Students who accessed the Grant for High Need Students with Permanent Disabilities	Total Value (\$) of the Grant for High Need Students with Permanent Disabilities
1999-00		N/A	N/A	N/A		
2000-01		N/A	N/A	N/A		
2001-02		N/A	38	\$139,149		
2002-03		N/A	35	\$160,031		
2003-04		N/A	32	\$141,308		
2004-05		N/A	36	\$172,670		
2005-06	92	\$181,866	47	\$228,575		
2006-07	148	\$283,510	50	\$214,784		
2007-08	174	\$339,577	57	\$228,212		
2008-09	175	\$359,039	60	\$227,076		
2009-10	135	\$264,000	44	\$186,196		
2010-11	215	\$402,532	65	\$256,499		
2011-12	255	\$492,403	63	\$283,336		
2012-13	284	\$542,705	85	\$331,168		
2013-14	380	\$726,225	106	\$497,083		
2014-15	362	\$687,560	128	\$563,817		
2015-16	516	\$986,557	183	\$745,626		
2016-17	684	\$1,301,693	179	\$850,449	36	\$184,737
2017-18	821	\$1,419,882	259	\$1,095,098	43	\$191,395

Employment and Training Programs

Training Services Expenditures and Client Count 1999 - 2018		
	Expenditures	Clients Served
2018-19*	\$67,029	26
2017-18	\$524,435	54
2016-17	\$1,039,874	126
2015-16	\$1,912,875	189
2014-15	\$2,051,922	277
2013-14	\$1,639,534	233
2012-13	\$2,080,464	270
2011-12	\$2,396,422	310
2010-11	\$2,999,723	351
2009-10	\$2,853,528	332
2008-09	\$2,562,533	230
2007-08	\$1,088,248	209
2006-07	\$1,041,914	304
2005-06	\$1,119,173	283
2004-05	\$1,117,102	347
2003-04	\$1,439,279	269
2002-03	\$1,691,670	265
2001-02	\$1,559,465	180
2000-01**		
1999-00**		

* data as of August 10, 2018

** information unavailable

Skills Development Expenditures for Persons with Disabilities and Client Count 2013 - 2018		
	Expenditures	Clients Served
2018-19*	\$1,528,345	286
2017-18	\$5,494,905	521
2016-17	\$4,829,488	407
2015-16	\$3,852,365	349
2014-15	\$2,226,280	178
2013-14	\$13,580	2

* data as of August 10, 2018