Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: AES/011/2015]

On May 12, 2015, the Department of Advanced Education and Skills received your request for access to the following records/information:

All briefing materials, letters, email correspondence or other documentation provided to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Skills responsible for Post-Secondary Education Branch, concerning the Memorial University tuition freeze between Jan. 1, 2015 and April 20, 2015.

For the sake of expediency and cost, electronic correspondence and digital copies of all documents are preferrable while processing this request.

I am pleased to inform you that your request for this information has been granted in part. Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the 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):

Section 30.(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party’s personal privacy.

Section 18.(1) In this section
(a) "cabinet record" means
(iv) a discussion paper, policy analysis, proposal, advice or briefing material, including all factual and background material prepared for the Cabinet,
(v) an agenda, minute or other record of Cabinet recording deliberations or decisions of the Cabinet,
(ix) that portion of a record which contains information about the contents of a record within a class of information referred to in subparagraphs (i) to (viii);
(b) "discontinued cabinet record" means a cabinet record referred to in paragraph (a) the original intent of which was to inform the Cabinet process, but which is neither a supporting Cabinet record nor an official Cabinet record;
(d) "supporting cabinet record" means a Cabinet record referred to in paragraph (a) which informs the Cabinet process, but which is not an official cabinet record.

Section 18.(2) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant a Cabinet record, including
   (a) an official Cabinet record;
   (b) a discontinued Cabinet record; and
   (c) a supporting Cabinet record.

Section 20.(1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal
   (a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister;
   (c) consultations or deliberations involving officers or employees of a public body, a minister or the staff of a minister;

As required by subsection 7.(2) of the act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

Please note that the following pages have been redacted in their entirety as they are either non-responsive to your request or redacted in accordance with the list of exceptions.

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In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate documents have been enclosed.

Section 43 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 60 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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In the event you wish to appeal to the Supreme Court, 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 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) 729-4276 or SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

SHARON SEAWARD
ATIPP Coordinator
Continue a freeze on fees is dangerous. I suggest minimize the impact on students with respect to tuition and fees.

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Let me know your thoughts on the draft one-pager below.

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Post-Secondary Education

Memorial University
The Provincial Government will reduce Memorial University's overall operating grant from the previous fiscal year by approximately $20.6 million. The Provincial Government will work with Memorial University to minimize impacts on students.
which includes working to continue a freeze on fees.
Just landed in Toronto. Will review shortly.

Bob

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This is good.

THANKS.
BOB

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 4, 2015, at 3:27 PM, "Ennis-Williams, Candice" <candiceennis-williams@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

Yes, that's fine Mark. Thank you.

Candice Ennis-Williams
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Superintendent of Private Training
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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Tel: 709-729-2087
Cell: 709-693-4054

From: Hunter, Mark C.
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2015 1:56 PM
To: Ennis-Williams, Candice
Subject: CFSNL Meeting Note
Importance: High

Hi Candice,

Cab Sec just called and wondered why the bullet about the CFSNL opinion on the AG report was:

<!--[if !supportLists]-->•  <![endif]-->The CSFNL believes that the AG’s comments on funding, through the tuition freeze, for out-of-Provience students was misleading to the public.

Rather than saying “out-of-Provience and international students…..” I've re-read a story on CBC with the CFSNL and I believe it is safe to say they are using the phrase students
from “out of the province” to include international students.

Okay to call Cab Sec back with that? If it includes international students they wanted to edit that bullet to say Out-of-Province and International Students.

Thanks,

Mark

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Couple of minor suggested edits.

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For your review...

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Population Growth
Polling Questions – Tuition

1. Are you aware that tuition in Newfoundland and Labrador is 54 per cent lower than the Canadian average?
   a. Yes
   b. No

2. Are you aware that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has financially supported a tuition freeze since 2005 that has kept tuition one of the lowest in the country?
   a. Yes
   b. No

3. Which of the following do you believe are the main factors that influence a person’s decision on what post-secondary institution to choose? (choose all that apply):
   a. Location of post-secondary institution
   b. Reputation of institution
   c. Number of programs and range of delivery options available
   d. Affordability
   e. Personal interest
   f. Research opportunities
   g. On-campus services
   h. Other (if so, please specify)

4. Are you aware that Newfoundland and Labrador has one of the most progressive student financial assistance programs, with interest-free Newfoundland and Labrador student loans and non-repayable needs-based grants?
   a. Yes
   b. No

5. Would you support an increase in tuition at Newfoundland and Labrador post-secondary institutions if it would help ease the Provincial deficit while still maintaining one of the lowest tuition levels in the country?
   a. Yes
   b. No, if no, why?
   c. Maybe, if certain conditions (please state specific conditions)

Hi Candice:

Can you please have someone quickly update the meeting note for the Minister’s meeting with Michael Walsh tomorrow?

Here is what Michael sent in...

Hi Minister O’Brien,

We would like to meet at your earliest convenience to discuss the Auditor General’s report and his recommendations around the review of the tuition fee freeze. Would sometime in early January work for you?

We obviously have concerns with the report and how many of the positive results of the freeze were omitted. We are also concerned with the Auditor General’s comments on funding for out-of-province students, as we feel they were misleading to the public.

We plan to shift the public conversation to focus on the positive impacts of investments in post-secondary education and would like to discuss those plans as well.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Merry Christmas,
Michael

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Hi Mark:

As you likely know Candice is off today and I am not sure how closely she is monitoring emails. Could you please put together what Finance is requesting regarding the attached?

Thanks,
Bob

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Good morning,

Finance have asked for some messages to go along with these slides. It is budget planning material. Can you assist with this? If you think the messages are something we have already drafted just let me know.

Lisa

Hi everyone, we are putting together material for Budget planning and wondering if you had any suggested messaging to go with the attached charts. There's some further context in the
email below. Feel free to call if you want to discuss. Thanks again.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Reid, Robert (FIN)
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2015 4:52 PM
To: Tompkins, John
Cc: Dower, Jamie
Subject: Budget 2015-16 website

Hi John,

Here are the sections we discussed as needing input form the various departments. Specifically we need messaging for the following for the website and attached are the charts being utilized for these sections:

2. Post-Secondary: We need some messaging about these pieces. For example, what has been the benefit of the tuition freeze?
## Critical Expenses: Post Secondary Education

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Tuition Freeze Cost

Frozen tuition requires annual increase of $4 million for MUN and $1.1 M for the College. On a cumulative basis from 2005-06 to 2014-15 $238 million has been added to the base grant of MUN and $45 million for the College.
Dennis:

I think someone from your branch should review with respect to the projects.

Thanks.

Bob

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Good morning,

The Premier is meeting with the Canadian Federation of Students on Saturday in Gander. The PO has asked for our key messages regarding post-secondary education, tuition, student aid, apprenticeship and international students.

The most current messages are attached for review. I highlighted one bullet in the apprenticeship messages. It outlines 10 major projects underway in NL. Should this list be revised as a couple of those projects are in a holding pattern? i.e. White Rose Expansion, etc.

I need to send this over to the PO by early this afternoon.

Thanks.

Lynn
Advanced Education and Skills

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Tuition Freeze

- Our government recognizes the value of post-secondary education for students, families, communities, and our province as a whole.

- We will continue to make essential investments to support our students while ensuring the continued prudent management of our public post-secondary system.

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Investments in Post-Secondary Education

- The Provincial Government has led the way to make post-secondary education more affordable over the past 10 years. The goal is to have more students pursue a post-secondary education in Newfoundland and Labrador and encourage them to stay here as highly skilled graduates needed for a fast-growing economy.

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Statistics on Enrolment/Tuition

- Tuition for domestic undergraduate students (local NL students and Canadian students from other Provinces/Territories) at MUN is $2,550 annually (10 courses) and for international undergraduate students it is $8,800 annually (10 courses).

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Lori Ann/Dave/Dennis:

Attached are the three notes as a result of today's meeting.

I am confident in the tuition note.
Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' (CCPA) Report

- Student debt as a barrier to the advancement of NL youth
  - Average debt ($13,829) for all NL graduating students is almost half the national average referenced ($26,000).
  - Both MUN and CNA have some of the lowest tuition in Canada
  - Since 2005/06, Government has made a cumulative investment of $282.9 million to maintain a tuition freeze at Memorial University (MUN) and College of the North Atlantic (CNA).
  - Budget 2014 committed $14.7 million over two years to complete the conversion of student loans to grants.
- Fewer young people aged 20-34 being represented in the labour force between 2002 and 2012.
  - Aging population has resulted in fewer individuals in this age cohort, and therefore in the labour market.
  - Therefore nomination of young immigrants under the PNP a priority 90% of PNP nominees are under 45 years of age and 25-29 is the largest cohort of new immigrants.
- NL youth are struggling to connect post-secondary education to career development and university-level education results in lower unemployment for youth.
  - A 2013 study conducted by AES found that among all students who go on to postsecondary education at NL institutions, 79 per cent obtain employment, with 65 per cent obtaining employment directly related to their field of study.
- Youth struggle to attach to well-paid employment because employers require previous experience
  - Over 1,700 MUN students participated in seven post-secondary programs with work terms, while over 3,000 CNA students participated in 63 post-secondary programs with some form of work experiential component.

Key Messages:
- Our youth enjoy the most affordable post-secondary education system in Canada with the lowest university tuition and the best student financial assistance program in the country.
Appendix A:
10 Ideas for Youth Attraction and Retention in Newfoundland and Labrador

1. **Progressively reduce and eventually eliminate all tuition fees (including ancillary fees) for all students (both domestic and international) at public post-secondary institutions in Newfoundland and Labrador.** At the same time, **expand the current needs-based grants system until a full system of grants is restored.**

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- MUN has the lowest undergraduate and graduate tuition fees in Canada for domestic and international students.
- CNA has the lowest college tuition in Canada (outside of Quebec for Quebec students).
- Because of our booming economy and the opportunities in the Province, many more students are also working today while attending post-secondary education than ever before and helping to support themselves while in school.
- More students than ever before are graduating from post-secondary education in NL without any student debt accumulated through government student loans.
- Since 2005/06, Government has made a cumulative investment of $282.9 million to maintain a tuition freeze at Memorial University (MUN) and College of the North Atlantic (CNA).
- Since 2009/10, Government has made a cumulative investment of $11.0 million to support graduate fellowships at MUN to attract the best and brightest students from NL and elsewhere to attend MUN in an increasingly competitive national and international market for graduate students.
- **Budget 2014 committed $14.7 million over two years to complete the conversion of student loans to grants.**
Annex B – Supplementary Post-secondary Information

Tuition and Other Assistance
- Since 2005-06, Government has made a cumulative investment of $282.9 million to maintain a tuition freeze at Memorial University (MUN) and College of the North Atlantic (CNA).
  - MUN has the lowest undergraduate and graduate tuition fees in Canada for domestic and international students. MUN undergraduate tuition is 56 per cent lower than the national average and graduate tuition is 60 per cent lower than the national average.
  - It also has the lowest compulsory fees for domestic undergraduate students in Canada, and the second lowest compulsory fees for domestic graduate students in Canada.
  - CNA has one of the lowest college tuitions in Canada, 52 per cent lower than the national average.
- Budget 2014 committed $14.7 million over two years to complete the conversion of student loans to grants.
- Since 2009-10, Government has made a cumulative investment of $11.0 million to support graduate fellowships at MUN.
- Government invested $65.0 million to construct a new 500-bed student residence at MUN’s St. John’s Campus and $23.3 million to construct a new 200-bed student residence at MUN’s Grenfell Campus, Corner Brook, to provide additional safe and affordable student housing.
Hi Donna:

Here is the chronology of the tuition freeze. If you need anything else let us know.

- Tuition freeze started in 1999 without compensation to the institutions.
- In 2001/02 the institutions were mandated to decrease tuition by 25% over three years. Government did provide funding to the institutions to offset the loss of revenue loss from this 25% reduction.
- Tuition has sense been frozen since 2003/04 with government providing a grant in lieu of tuition to the institutions since 2005/06.

Hope this helps.
Bob

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Hi Bob

I advised Donna we would provide the info in the morning. This info is all in [snip]. We can chat when you get in...

See you tomorrow.

LA

Sent from my iPad
Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Brewer, Donna" <dbrewer@gov.nl.ca>
**Date:** 10 January, 2015 7:20:16 PM NST
**To:** "Companion, Lori Anne" <LoriAnneCompanion@gov.nl.ca>
**Subject:** Re: Tuition freeze

K thx.

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Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

**From:** Companion, Lori Anne
**Sent:** Saturday, January 10, 2015 6:37 PM
**To:** Brewer, Donna; Jones, Sharlene
**Subject:** Re: Tuition freeze

Yes. I have that information.
I am in the office tomorrow morning early and will send asap then. Ok?

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**From:** Brewer, Donna
**Sent:** Saturday, January 10, 2015 6:29 PM
**To:** Jones, Sharlene; Companion, Lori Anne
**Subject:** Tuition freeze

Just looking at the schedule that shows the impact of tuition – it starts with tuition freeze impacts from 0506.

But did the tuition freeze date back further than that. Lori Ann can we find out for Ministers speaking notes the last time tuition was increased.

Donna.

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On if the tuition freeze is continuing

- Our government recognizes the value of post-secondary education for students, families, communities, and our province as a whole.

- We will continue to make essential investments to support our students while ensuring the continued prudent management of our public post-secondary system.

- Last year at this time I was asked the same question – will the tuition freeze be continuing? And my answer this year is the same - decisions around any Provincial Government policy, including our policy on the tuition freeze, are considered annually as part of our Budget process. We are currently in the middle of this process.

- We will continue to explore all opportunities to ensure that our post-secondary system remains robust to weather changing economic conditions.

- Our initiatives to date have created an affordable and accessible postsecondary education system that is the envy of the country. Student debt is falling, our
graduates are attaching successfully to the workforce, and students who come to Newfoundland and Labrador from outside the province for their education are staying.

From: Lawlor, Lisa E
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 11:54 AM
To: Gardiner, Bob B
Cc: Ennis-Williams, Candice; Robinson, Lynn
Subject: FW: Interview Request - CBC Crosstalk: Tuition Fees
Importance: High

Hi Bob...here are the kms Candice and I put together. Please advise if ok...and I will forward along to Lori Anne.

Thanks
Lisa

From: Companion, Lori Anne
Sent: Friday, January 09, 2015 9:22 AM
To: Lawlor, Lisa E; O'Brien, Kevin
Cc: Gardiner, Bob B; Robinson, Lynn; Hunt-Grouch, Michelle; Hill, Crystal; Ennis-Williams, Candice
Subject: Re: Interview Request - CBC Crosstalk: Tuition Fees

Minister

Before we respond to this request, I recommend that you and I have a discussion.

I'll call you when you are available.

LA

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From: Lawlor, Lisa E
Sent: Friday, January 9, 2015 9:19 AM
To: O'Brien, Kevin
Cc: Companion, Lori Anne; Gardiner, Bob B; Robinson, Lynn; Hunt-Grouch, Michelle; Hill, Crystal; Ennis-Williams, Candice
Subject: Interview Request - CBC Crosstalk: Tuition Fees

Good Morning,

Francesca Swan, Producer with CBC Crosstalk, called us about a show they are doing this coming Monday on tuition fees at MUN (she was specific to MUN, but discussion will probably be about post-secondary institutions generally). They are having Travis Perry in studio from CFS for the show, and asked if you would call in between 12:10 and 12:30 to discuss the questions: should the tuition freeze at MUN be lifted and tuition fees be raised or what are some alternatives such as raising
tuition for out of province students. They are looking for the Provincial Government angle on this topic. Would you like to call in? If so, we can prepare some material for you.

Thanks
Lisa

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Hi Donna:

Attached is a file with MUN and CNA tuition and tuition for the other Provinces.

One clarification...Tuition for MUN is real tuition changed to undergrad students excluding Med students as they pay a much higher rate. If we used StasCan tuition for MUN it would be $2659 (which includes Med Students and some other minor fees). The tuition for all other Provinces is StasCan data. The Canadian Averages (not inc NL) is simply the other 9 provinces added up and divided by 9. The StatsCan average is different because they would use weighted averages and ultimately you would get the average Canadian tuition by student not by Province.

Hope this is clear. Let me know if you have any questions.

Bob

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From: Companion, Lori Anne
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 6:48 PM
To: Brewer, Donna; Jones, Sharlene; Boland, Gail; Gardiner, Bob B; Pike, David; Hollett, Alton
Cc: Reid, Robert (FIN)
Subject: Re: Do we have anything

Donna:

We have all this information as well as information on Return on Investment. Bob will provide in the morning.

Lori Anne
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From: Brewer, Donna
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 6:29 PM
To: Hollett, Alton; Jones, Sharlene; Boland, Gail; Companion, Lori Anne
Cc: Reid, Robert (FIN)
Subject: Re: Do we have anything

Sure I saw it recently just can't recall where. Lori Anne?

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From: Hollett, Alton
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 6:27 PM
To: Brewer, Donna; Jones, Sharlene; Boland, Gail
Cc: Reid, Robert (FIN)
Subject: Re: Do we have anything

Robert does STC have anything on tuition/prov?

Donna how about the Department of Education. They must have the contacts to get this.

An alternative if nothing is available from above might be Wade Locke
He may had looked at this when he did his report on the Economic Impact of MUN on the provincial economy. If you want I could check with him?

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From: Brewer, Donna
Sent: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 6:20 PM
To: Jones, Sharlene; Hollett, Alton; Boland, Gail
Subject: Do we have anything

That compares university tuition.

Was there anything in ag report

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### Memorial University

| Student Category          | Canada Avg. (Excluding NL) | Atlantic Canada Avg. (Excluding NL) | NL | PEI | NS | NB | QC | ON | MB | SK | AB | BC |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Domestic undergraduate    | $5,589                     | $6,207                            | $2,550 | $5,857 | $6,440 | $6,324 | $2,743 | $7,539 | $3,887 | $6,659 | $5,730 | $5,118 |
| International undergraduate | $17,911                    | $16,405                           | $8,800 | $21,650 | $14,259 | $13,306 | $18,256 | $25,324 | $12,946 | $17,331 | $19,637 | $18,486 |
| Domestic graduate Avg.    | $5,703                     | $6,269                            | $2,506 | $4,820 | $8,222 | $5,765 | $2,821 | $8,738 | $4,464 | $3,796 | $4,997 | $7,706 |
| International graduate Avg. | $11,866                   | $12,549                           | $2,848 | $10,968 | $16,387 | $10,291 | $14,109 | $18,677 | $8,882 | $5,186 | $9,664 | $12,631 |

Source: Calculated from Statistics Canada, Tuition Fee and Accommodation Costs survey, 2014/15. Shaded indices indicate the lowest tuition for that category in Atlantic Canada outside NL. Note 1: Includes an estimated 63 out-of-Provence and international medical students.

### College of the North Atlantic

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Source: Department of Advanced Education and Skills.
You can drop over now if that works.

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Bob,

Mark has another draft prepared. Let me know when you have a couple of minutes free and we’ll pop down.

Candice

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Hi Candice:

Could you and Mark drop over when you get a moment so we can chat on the tuition freeze and options?

Thanks,
Bob

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