

October 29, 2018



**Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* [Our File #: AESL/037/2018]**

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On October 4, 2018 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour received your request for access to the following records/information:

**“I would like to request a break down by community (listed separately) of the number of residents of St. John's, Bell Island, Corner Brook, Stephenville, St. Anthony, Port Aux Basques, in receipt of provincial benefits such as Social Services (Income Support) and Training programs in a yearly basis from 2010 to current.”**

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted in part and the responsive records are attached. Access to the remaining records, and/or information contained within the records, has been refused in accordance with the following exception to disclosure, as specified in the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015* (the act):

Section 40. (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.

As required by subsection 8.(2) of the act, we have severed information that is excepted from disclosure and have provided you with as much information as possible.

Per my email and letter on October 18, 2018 with respect to Employment and Training Programs, you were advised that:

- there are some limitations to the information we are able to provide. In some of the smaller communities, the number of individuals receiving training supports is quite low. As such, numbers totaling five or less are not included in the response to ensure the privacy of the individuals; and,
- the data for 2010 to 2014 is partial data as the department implemented a new computer system in March 2014. Information prior to that date is contained in the former system. To access complete data prior to March 2014, we would have to implement a manual search of all files for that time period. This would not be possible as such an undertaking would interfere with the operations of the department given the resources necessary to do so are not available.

<b>Provincial Training Supports</b>									
<b>Participants</b>									
<b>Calendar</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Bell Island</b>	54	68	63	41	40	27	17	22	
<b>Channel-Port aux Basques</b>	21	27	35	21	101	100	107	113	67
<b>Corner Brook</b>	175	225	219	114	702	594	511	451	357
<b>St. Anthony</b>	7	7			45	35	46	41	26
<b>St. John's</b>	891	942	887	631	2,058	1,767	1,578	1,492	1,047
<b>Stephenville</b>	87	97	116	85	285	235	193	162	151

<sup>1</sup> January to September, 2018

<b>Income Support</b>									
<b>Individuals</b>									
<b>Calendar</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Bell Island</b>	983	908	903	846	855	804	766	744	706
<b>Channel-Port aux Basques</b>	375	351	352	319	331	328	339	322	285
<b>Corner Brook</b>	2,164	2,072	2,009	2,038	1,937	1,929	1,971	1,916	1,792
<b>St. Anthony</b>	82	77	73	61	65	60	61	57	60
<b>St. John's</b>	12,090	11,903	11,598	11,198	11,045	10,719	10,706	10,841	10,379
<b>Stephenville</b>	1,511	1,469	1,453	1,431	1,402	1,422	1,358	1,317	1,271

<sup>1</sup> January to September, 2018

Please note that the Income Support numbers include:

- all individual clients counted separately, not cases that include multiple individuals;
- all adults as well as dependent children under age 18; and
- the total number of individuals who received Income Support at some point during the year, regardless of the number of months they received assistance.

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

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.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or [SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca](mailto:SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

**SHARON SEAWARD**  
ATIPP Coordinator