August 19, 2014

Dear [redacted],

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: AES/019/2014]

On July 21, 2014, the Department of Advanced Education and Skills received your request for access to the following records:

Please indicate the average amount in NL student loans a NL student receiving student aid receives PER WEEK s/he is in school.
Please also indicate what the provincial government spent in 2013/14 to cover the cost of the $80 per week portion of the $140 maximum NL student loan that is currently a non-repayable grant.
Please also indicate how many NL students received:
- a NL student loan in 2013/14
- over $60 per week in NL student loans (ie, those who received grants).

I am pleased to inform you that your request for access to this information has been granted.

During the 2013-14 academic year, which ran from August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014:
- The average amount of NL student loan issued per week was $58;
- The provincial government expended $10,012,355 to fund the up-front non-repayable grant. (Please note this differs slightly from the fiscal year amount of $10,171,962 in the audited financial statement of the Student Loan Corporation due to the differing timeframe: April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014);
- Exactly 6,000 students received a Newfoundland and Labrador student loan; and
- 5,460 students received an up-front non-repayable grant.
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 Sharon Seaward at (709) 729-4276 or SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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Deputy Minister

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