September 6, 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/034/2018]

This is to confirm that on September 4, 2018 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour (AESL) received your request for access to the following records/information:

“Amount of Grants and Loans given by the province of NL towards higher education students.

Amount of Tax credits (to waive the cost of higher education) given by the province of NL towards higher education students.

The amount of loan repayments (revenue) made by higher education students towards the Province of NL.”

Per our telephone conversation on September 6, 2018, some of this information is publicly available online. Information regarding student loans and grants is available in the “Estimates of the Program Expenditure and Revenue of the Consolidated Revenue Fund 2018-19” (http://www.budget.gov.nl.ca/budget2018/estimates/estimates.pdf) while information regarding student loan repayment is published each year in the Student Loan Corporation of Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Report. The 2016-17 report is currently available at http://www.aesl.gov.nl.ca/publications/annualreport/slc_2016_17.pdf and the 2017-18 report is scheduled to be released by the end of September, 2018.

As discussed, records pertaining to the “Amount of Tax credits (to waive the cost of higher education) given by the province of NL towards higher education students” are in the custody or under the control of the Department of Finance (Finance).

Your request, therefore, was transferred in part to Finance on September 6, 2018 under authority of section 14 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (the act).

Finance is required to respond to your request without delay and in any event not more than 20 business days after receiving your request, unless:

- the time for responding is extended with approval from the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner under section 23 of the act; or
the time for responding is suspended for 20 business days under subsection 26 of the act, pending your response to a cost estimate provided by the Premier’s Office.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Beth Bartlett at (709) 729-2082 or BethBartlet@gov.nl.ca. You may also contact the undersigned at (709) 729-4276 or SharonSeaward@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

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cc. Beth Bartlett