January 4, 2019

Re:  Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: FIN-104-2018]

This is to confirm that on December 19, 2018, the Department of Finance received your access to information request for the following:

“I would like a summary of revenue recorded on a monthly cash basis in the accounting records of the government of NL. If numbers do not include the Agencies, boards and crown corporations please advise as such. I would like a summary of expenses recorded on a monthly cash basis by department in the accounting records of the government of NL. If the reports do not include the various Agencies, boards and crown corporations please advise as such. Please cover the period January 2016 through to October 2018. For clarification this should be a total of 46 monthly reports for each request.”

The Department of Finance wishes to advise that it has no responsive records to the above request. Monthly summarized statements of total revenue and expenses by department, agency, board or crown are not prepared. The amount of effort required to produce such statements in a timely manner is currently not feasible and subsequently the value of such information does not justify the means. Furthermore, excluding such information for agencies, boards and crowns does not affect the Department’s response – monthly statements are not prepared at the departmental level.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed prior to day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must 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
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that this response 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 response 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 by telephone at 709-729-2082, or by email at bethbartlett@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

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