February 4, 2019

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 [Our File #: AESL/004/2019]

On January 30, 2019 the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour received your request for access to the following records/information:

“All current, projected allocations, and awards under the wage subsidy program in forestry, agriculture, and aquaculture. This includes proposals, approvals, etc.”

Per your conversation with David Moore on January 30, 2019 you are seeking information regarding the one year pilot Employment Enhancement Program. This program is projected to have a budget of $500,000 for fiscal year 2019-20 to support employers engaged in value-added, secondary processing in resource sectors, including forestry, the fishery, aquaculture and agriculture. It was announced on Monday, January 28, 2019 and the program will open in April 2019. As such, no applications have been received under the program and there are no proposals or approvals to date.

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 this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it 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 letter 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.

Sincerely,

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