March 12, 2019

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: FIN-17-2019]

On February 12, 2019, the Department of Finance received your access to information request for the following:

“Any reports or information notes/briefings outlining the benefits of the Atlantic Accord from December 1, 2015 to present.”

The Department of Finance wishes to advise that access has been denied to the above request.

It is important to note that the Department determined the following in the preparation of its response:

- Some of the information contained within the responsive records includes advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister. As such, this information has been severed from the response pursuant to sections 29.(1)(a) of the ATIPPA.
- Some of the information contained within the responsive records was received in confidence from another government, council or organization. As such, this information has been severed from the response pursuant to sections 34.(1)(a)(i), 34.(1)(b) of the ATIPPA.
- It is reasonable to conclude that some of the information contained within the responsive records would, if released, result in the premature disclosure of information developed for the purpose of contractual or other negotiations by or on behalf of the government of the province or a public body, or considerations which relate to those negotiations. As such, this information has been severed pursuant to sections 35.(1)(f) and 35.(1)(g) of the ATIPPA.

For your convenience, provided in the table below is a listing of the page numbers that have been completely removed due to exemptions pursuant to ATIPPA (as described above).
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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,

Beth Bartlett, CIAPP-C  
ATIPP Coordinator