

February 11, 2019



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: FIN-07-2019]

On January 15, 2019, the Department of Finance received your access to information request for the following:

“I would like to obtain briefing notes, information notes, reports, or any other records which discuss primary health care teams. Time line for this request is January 1, 2016 to current. Please search records of the deputy minister, assistant deputy minister, and director responsible”

Please be advised that your request for access to the above noted information has been denied.

The information requested was created to support the 2018 Provincial Budget, which is a Cabinet decision-making process. Additionally, the requested information was created during the process of developing or preparing a submission for Cabinet. As such, and in accordance with the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 2015 (the Act) this information is considered as a cabinet record and access must be denied in accordance with the following exception to disclosure:

Cabinet Confidences:

27. (1) In this section, "cabinet record" means

(h) a record created during the process of developing or preparing a submission for the Cabinet;;

(2) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant

(a) a cabinet record

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beth Bartlett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beth Bartlett, CIAPP-C
ATIPP Coordinator