March 20, 2019

Dear [Redacted],

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act  File #: CSSD/09/2019

On February 13, 2019, the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD) received your request for access to the following records/information:

“Any messaging or draft messaging prepared for the Department or Minister since January 1st, 2019. In addition, any benchmarks/status updates/lists outlining levels of completion of "The Way Forward" initiatives.”

As per our telephone conversation on February 20, 2019, you provided the following clarification regarding your request and agreed to the following in regards to CSSD’s response:

- Re: “Any messaging or draft messaging prepared for the Department or Minister since January 1st, 2019.”
  - This part of the request is not limited to “The Way Forward”.
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- Re: “In addition, any benchmarks/status updates/lists outlining levels of completion of "The Way Forward" initiatives.”
  - Only seeking messaging/draft messaging prepared for the House of Assembly, key messages and any messaging from the Department that is intended for the public.
  - Agreed to limit the search to the Minister, Deputy Minister, Assistant Deputy Ministers and Communications, not all staff.

On March 11, 2019, you were notified of a 10-day extension granted by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner due to the number of consultations required.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for Children, Seniors and Social Development to provide access to some of the requested information. In particular, access is granted to the following records:

- Messaging and draft messaging prepared for the Minister or Department between 2019-Jan-01 and 2019-Feb-12 that was intended for the public.
The spreadsheet entitled "Government Strategic Directions Tracking", which summarizes benchmarks/status updates/lists outlining levels of completion of "The Way Forward".

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed using the following sections of ATIPPA, 2015:
- Section 29(1)(a) – Policy Advice or Recommendations
- Section 40(1) – Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy

As required by 8(2) of the Act, we have severed information that is unable to be disclosed and have provided you with as much information as possible. In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

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.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (709) 729-5084 or by e-mail at andrealawlor@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Andrea Lawlor, B.A., B.S.W. (Hons), R.S.W.
ATIPPA Backup Coordinator

Enclosures
Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Policy advice or recommendations

29. (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal

(a) advice, proposals, recommendations, analyses or policy options developed by or for a public body or minister;

(b) the contents of a formal research report or audit report that in the opinion of the head of the public body is incomplete and in respect of which a request or order for completion has been made by the head within 65 business days of delivery of the report; or

(c) draft legislation or regulations.

(2) The head of a public body shall not refuse to disclose under subsection (1)

(a) factual material;

(b) a public opinion poll;

(c) a statistical survey;

(d) an appraisal;

(e) an environmental impact statement or similar information;

(f) a final report or final audit on the performance or efficiency of a public body or on any of its programs or policies;

(g) a consumer test report or a report of a test carried out on a product to test equipment of the public body;

(h) a feasibility or technical study, including a cost estimate, relating to a policy or project of the public body;

(i) a report on the results of field research undertaken before a policy proposal is formulated;

(j) a report of an external task force, committee, council or similar body that has been established to consider a matter and make a report or recommendations to a public body;

(k) a plan or proposal to establish a new program or to change a program, if the plan or proposal has been approved or rejected by the head of the public body;

(l) information that the head of the public body has cited publicly as the basis for making a decision or formulating a policy; or

(m) a decision, including reasons, that is made in the exercise of a discretionary power or an adjudicative function and that affects the rights of the applicant.

(3) Subsection (1) does not apply to information in a record that has been in existence for 15 years or more.
Disclosure harmful to personal privacy

40. (1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose personal information to an applicant where the disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy.

(2) A disclosure of personal information is not an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy where

(a) the applicant is the individual to whom the information relates;

(b) the third party to whom the information relates has, in writing, consented to or requested the disclosure;

(c) there are compelling circumstances affecting a person's health or safety and notice of disclosure is given in the form appropriate in the circumstances to the third party to whom the information relates;

(d) an Act or regulation of the province or of Canada authorizes the disclosure;

(e) the disclosure is for a research or statistical purpose and is in accordance with section 70;

(f) the information is about a third party's position, functions or remuneration as an officer, employee or member of a public body or as a member of a minister's staff;

(g) the disclosure reveals financial and other details of a contract to supply goods or services to a public body;

(h) the disclosure reveals the opinions or views of a third party given in the course of performing services for a public body, except where they are given in respect of another individual;

(i) public access to the information is provided under the Financial Administration Act;

(j) the information is about expenses incurred by a third party while travelling at the expense of a public body;

(k) the disclosure reveals details of a licence, permit or a similar discretionary benefit granted to a third party by a public body, not including personal information supplied in support of the application for the benefit;

(l) the disclosure reveals details of a discretionary benefit of a financial nature granted to a third party by a public body, not including

   (i) personal information that is supplied in support of the application for the benefit, or

   (ii) personal information that relates to eligibility for income and employment support under the Income and Employment Support Act or to the determination of income or employment support levels; or

(m) the disclosure is not contrary to the public interest as described in subsection (3) and reveals only the following personal information about a third party:

   (i) attendance at or participation in a public event or activity related to a public body, including a graduation ceremony, sporting event, cultural program or club, or field trip, or
(ii) receipt of an honour or award granted by or through a public body.

(3) The disclosure of personal information under paragraph (2)(m) is an unreasonable invasion of personal privacy where the third party whom the information is about has requested that the information not be disclosed.

(4) A disclosure of personal information is presumed to be an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy where

(a) the personal information relates to a medical, psychiatric or psychological history, diagnosis, condition, treatment or evaluation;

(b) the personal information is an identifiable part of a law enforcement record, except to the extent that the disclosure is necessary to dispose of the law enforcement matter or to continue an investigation;

(c) the personal information relates to employment or educational history;

(d) the personal information was collected on a tax return or gathered for the purpose of collecting a tax;

(e) the personal information consists of an individual's bank account information or credit card information;

(f) the personal information consists of personal recommendations or evaluations, character references or personnel evaluations;

(g) the personal information consists of the third party's name where

(i) it appears with other personal information about the third party, or

(ii) the disclosure of the name itself would reveal personal information about the third party; or

(h) the personal information indicates the third party's racial or ethnic origin or religious or political beliefs or associations.

(5) In determining under subsections (1) and (4) whether a disclosure of personal information constitutes an unreasonable invasion of a third party's personal privacy, the head of a public body shall consider all the relevant circumstances, including whether

(a) the disclosure is desirable for the purpose of subjecting the activities of the province or a public body to public scrutiny;

(b) the disclosure is likely to promote public health and safety or the protection of the environment;

(c) the personal information is relevant to a fair determination of the applicant's rights;

(d) the disclosure will assist in researching or validating the claims, disputes or grievances of aboriginal people;

(e) the third party will be exposed unfairly to financial or other harm;

(f) the personal information has been supplied in confidence;
(g) the personal information is likely to be inaccurate or unreliable;

(h) the disclosure may unfairly damage the reputation of a person referred to in the record requested by the applicant;

(i) the personal information was originally provided to the applicant; and

(j) the information is about a deceased person and, if so, whether the length of time the person has been deceased indicates the disclosure is not an unreasonable invasion of the deceased person’s personal privacy.

Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52 (1) or 53 (1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.
Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.

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(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner's refusal under subsection 45 (2).
KEY MESSAGES

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January 11, 2019

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Prepared by: CSSD Communications
Approved by: Donna Ballard, Deputy Minister
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Approved by:
Looks good, just double check name of task force. I think it should be 'educational'.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

Sorry Dana, thought you were on this before I got it.

Please see below. Michelle and Rick will advise on my edits.

Could you (Michelle S and Rick) have a look to see if my edits below are appropriate given your role with the EDU Task Force work.

Thanks

Yes these are good from my perspective.
Michelle

Hi folks,
We have received the media request below. Each department will be responding separately to the reporter. This suggested response is taken from the KMs that were approved last week.

Gina

**Suggested Response:**

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Hello all,

Apologies for the mass email, but hopefully I've reached everyone I may need to.

Today on the St. John's Morning Show, Krissya Holmes spoke to Dean Ingram with the NLTA about the child advocate's report on absenteeism. I have three questions, and I suspect your departments may overlap in answers, so I'm hoping you can provide me a statement on the elements relative to your department/district.

- Ingram says large class sizes contribute to absenteeism because more students means a teacher's attention is more divided, making it more difficult to meet each student's needs. Ingram says if a student's needs are not met, they're less likely to attend.

**Is there any concern about class sizes as it relates to absenteeism? Is the correlation? Did more students start being absent more often when class sizes changed a few years ago? Any plans to change class sizes?**

- Ingram also points to fewer administrators, counsellors, and school psychologists as part of the problem. He says teachers always record absences, but the job of following up with students and parents falls to administrators.

**Are there enough administrators to do this work? How should they be following up, beyond sending a note home or an automated phone call?**

- Finally, Ingram suggests child welfare legislation should change so that social workers can investigate "educational neglect."

**Is there any appetite for this? Can CSSD investigate if there's concern about a child missing a lot of school?**

If possible, I would love to have your responses by the end of the day to incorporate into an article for our webpage. Let me know if you need anything else!

Thanks!
Bailey

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Children, Seniors and Social Development
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- To date, our government has not received any requests or proposals to turn the reported soon-to-be vacant Costco Building into a recreational facility.

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Prepared by: M. Hunt-Grouchy, Director of Communications & Healthy Living, Sport and Recreation Division

Approved by: Susan Walsh, Deputy Minister
Secondary Messages:

General

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Key Messages
NTV Interview on Team Newfoundland and Labrador

Canada Games Team

Yesterday we celebrated Team Newfoundland and Labrador as they head off to Red Deer to represent our province!

The Canada Games are one of the most important amateur sporting events in our country, and we wish our athletes all the best.

I also want to take a moment to extend a special thank you to our coaches and everyone who takes the time to support our athletes in their development.

One example of those great athletes in development is Michael Drover - Team Newfoundland and Labrador flag bearer for the opening ceremonies at the Canada Games!
This young man is from St. John’s. He is competing at his 2\textsuperscript{nd} Canada Games. (He also competed for Team Newfoundland and Labrador in artistic gymnastics at the 2015 Games.)

In 2017, he was the Gymnastics Newfoundland and Labrador provincial champion and was named male gymnast of the year.

This athlete is a wonderful role model, and we are proud to have him lead Team Newfoundland and Labrador in the parade of athletes at the opening ceremonies in Red Deer.
Repurposing of the Former Costco Facility

Robin Short asserted in his article that sports facilities in Newfoundland and Labrador are “third world” and “a joke.”

Yesterday I toured the PowerPlex where our athletes are training, and I can tell you that is a first rate facility – one of many such facilities in the province that exist with government support.

Before considering the possible re-development of any private facility that would require millions in invest to purchase and re-purpose, we would have to first explore existing capacity within government-owned buildings, and consider province-wide impacts.

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As a government, we will continue to work with Sport NL, Recreation NL, School Sport NL, provincial sport organizations and other stakeholders such as municipalities, to ensure that sport and recreation initiatives continue to be supported and valued.
• Our government has invested just over $20 million in sport and recreation projects throughout the province, such as the Paul Reynolds Community Centre, Bowring Park Pool House, Placentia Regional Wellness Centre, Labrador Wellness Centre, and the Swilers Rugby Football Club.

All these projects were cost-shared with City/Town and Fed Gov (and often other stakeholder groups, such as Lab Wellness or Bowring Park):

1) June 2017: Grand Opening of Paul Reynolds Community Centre: The Provincial Government invested for construction of new rec centre in St. John’s approximately $4.2 million in this project through the Multi-Year Capital Works program.

2) July 2017: Bowring Park Pool House: The Provincial Government is investing approximately $1.1 million through the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment’s Multi Year Capital Works program. The City of St. John’s contributed $2.2 million, the Bowring Park Foundation raised $800,000, and the Federal Government contributed $200,000 through the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA).

3) 2018: Placentia Regional Wellness Centre - The Provincial Government is contributing approximately $3.6 million.

4) 2018: Labrador Wellness Centre - The Provincial Government is contributing approximately $11.7 million.

5) 2018: Swilers Rugby Football Club - The Provincial Government will invest approximately $120,000 towards field rehabilitation efforts.
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: Healey, Michelle <Michelle.Healey@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Jones, Sharlene
Subject: FW: Speaking Points - new Canada's Food Guide - January 2019.docx

See attached. I will check in with Comms on the more specific messages that were being drafted referenced below. I have not review anything new.

From: MacArthur, Gina
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 9:52 AM
To: Jones, Sharlene; English, Dana; Walsh, Susan
Cc: Healey, Michelle; Boyd, Heidi; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Subject: Speaking Points - new Canada's Food Guide - January 2019.docx

Hi folks,
The new Canada's Food Guide will be released this morning. These speaking points have been developed by the Feds, and vetted through Michelle Healey's division - your feedback is appreciated. We can arrange a more detailed briefing for the Minister once these are approved. I will be preparing these more specific messages today to provide to the minister and the PO, and they will be coming your way for approval later today.

Gina

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As part of the national Healthy Eating Strategy, Health Canada launched Canada’s new Food Guide today (January 22, 2019).

- Health Canada’s Strategy to support healthy eating strives to decrease chronic disease and improve overall health for Canadians.
- The new Canada’s Food Guide aims to strengthen healthy eating recommendations and provide guidance in ways that are relevant and useful to the public, industry, public institutions, policy makers and health professionals.
- We value the leadership of Health Canada in their multi-pronged approach to improving public health and their strategy’s aim to positively impact the food environment in Canada.
- Provinces and territories are critical partners for integration and implementation of the federal healthy eating strategy initiatives.
- The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will continue to collaborate with Health Canada to advance healthy eating and provide all residents with the most up-to-date and credible advice on eating well.

- CSSD officials are reviewing the new information and suite of resources that were developed to provide guidance to a variety of users.

- Resources include Canada’s Dietary Guidelines for health professionals and policy makers, a visual snapshot of the new Canada’s Food Guide, as well as the exciting new Canada’s Food Guide mobile-friendly website www.canada.ca/foodguide where a user can customize the new Canada’s Food Guide for their own individual use across multiple settings.

- We will work with our stakeholders and partners, consider the needs and priorities in Newfoundland and Labrador, and identify opportunities to support integration and implementation in our policies, programs and resources.

- This integration of relevant elements will serve to streamline healthy eating messaging for Canadians and collectively focus efforts on communicating consistent key principles for greatest public health impact.

- In the meantime, current resources remain available. If you have questions please contact Heidi Boyd, Health Promotion Consultant (Healthy Eating) at heidiboym@gov.nl.ca.
I am good.
Sharlene

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From: MacArthur, Gina <GinaMacArthur@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2019 1:13 PM
To: Jones, Sharlene <SharleneJones@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle <MichelleHuntGrouchy@gov.nl.ca>; Dow, Sara <SaraDow@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: For Approval - Media Response: infant removals

Hi Sharlene,
We received this request last week and Sara has provided the stats for this suggested response. Your feedback is appreciated.

Gina

Suggested response:
How many babies under 31 days were removed in 2017 in the province (or whatever the most recent data may be). 15 babies under 31 days old were removed in 2017.
How many of them were Indigenous? Less than 5 were indigenous.
How many remained in the system 12 months later? Less than 5 of the 15 who were removed were still in care 12 months later.

From: Nancy Macdonald [mailto: nancystefanie@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2019 3:42 PM
To: MacArthur, Gina
Subject: infant removals

Hi Gina: This is Nancy Macdonald with the Globe and Mail in Vancouver. Given the uproar created by the live streaming of an infant removal from Manitoba last week, we’re looking into the removals of babies under 31 days across the country. We’re hoping to provide to provide readers with a sense of how many babies under 31 days are being removed in every Canadian province. We’d also like to know how many of those babies were First Nations, Metis or Inuit? Ideally, we’d like to know how many remained in the system after 12 months (though the province may not record this).
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If this is easily accessible online, if you could please give me a sense where to look I’m happy to find it.
I’ve got a deadline of late next week.
Many thanks,
Nancy
Hi Minister – just keeping this in view.

Gina

From: MacArthur, Gina
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 2:40 PM
To: Dempster, Lisa
Cc: Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle; Walsh, Susan; English, Dana
Subject: For Approval - Media Response: infant removals

Hi Minister – this is the response we have prepared for this media request. Please let me know if you would like anything added or changed. I would like to send to the reporter today. Dana and Susan have reviewed.

Gina

In Newfoundland and Labrador, the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD) is responsible for providing child protection services in accordance with the Children and Youth Care and Protection Act. CSSD has the ability to work with expectant parents who may or may not be current clients of the department. Social workers engage in planning with expectant parents and other collateral contacts (e.g., medical professionals) to determine supports and services that may be required in advance of the baby’s birth. These supports and services are targeted at reducing risk and enhancing safety for the infant upon birth and supporting the parent where issues have been identified.

In 2017, there were 15 babies under 31 days old who were removed and less than five of those children were still in care 12 months later. Less than five of the 15 children under 31 days old who were removed were Indigenous.

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Date: 1/30/2019 4:06:52 PM
From: "Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle"
To: "Dempster, Lisa"
Cc: "Walsh, Susan", "English, Dana"
Subject: FW: Response Needed Now

Here are the latest key messages sent to PO and Comm Branch.
I am awaiting word from PO on approval and next steps.
I will circle back as soon as I get word.

----Original Message----
From: Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 4:04 PM
To: Barfoot, Scott; Card, Jason
Cc: Hood, Jillian; Bruce, Glenn; Joyce, Luke; Higdon, Geoff
Subject: RE: Response Needed Now

Updated kms:

- We are very thankful that no one was injured and that fire fighters and other first responders responded quickly to the fire at the warehouse of the Community Food Sharing Association located on Topsail Road in St. John’s.

- Our government recognizes the important role the Community Food Sharing Association plays in our province.

- Government officials have spoken to Mr. Fg Walters of the Community Food Sharing Association to discuss the situation and the association’s immediate needs.

- The Association is exploring a number of avenues and we have committed to following up with him.

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From: Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 3:39 PM
To: Barfoot, Scott; Card, Jason
Cc: Hood, Jillian; Bruce, Glenn; Joyce, Luke; Higdon, Geoff
Subject: RE: Response Needed Now

Also, my DM just let me know that she was just speaking with Mr. Walters and he has indicated the following:

- First step for the Association is that they need a warehouse space that accommodates motor trailers, loading, etc. He is actually awaiting an email from someone about a potential suitable space.

- Second step for the Association is the need for food and cash donations, but the warehouse space needs to be figured out first and that is dependent on the email he is waiting on.

- He also indicated that the association will need hundreds of thousands of dollars in order to replace everything that was lost.

----Original Message----
From: Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 3:25 PM
To: Card, Jason
Cc: Hood, Jillian; Bruce, Glenn; Joyce, Luke; Barfoot, Scott; Higdon, Geoff
Subject: RE: Response Needed Now

Here’s what we can provide. I have been advised that it is premature to indicated a replacement space as the association has indicated it doesn’t know what exactly they need at this point.

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- The Association has agreed to having a call with government officials tomorrow once it has had an opportunity to assess what they need.
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 1:16 PM
To: Card, Jason
Cc: Hood, Jillian; Bruce, Glenn; Joyce, Luke; Barfoot, Scott; Higdon, Geoff
Subject: RE: Response Needed Now

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From: Card, Jason
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 1:12 PM
To: Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Cc: Hood, Jillian; Bruce, Glenn; Joyce, Luke; Barfoot, Scott; Higdon, Geoff
Subject: Response Needed Now

Michelle,

Eg Walters is saying all donated food is lost to the fire. What is government's response to assist?

I would like to have government's response to this out by 2:30.

Please advise of approach, and keep Jill and Geoff looped in for social media support as we communicate the message.

Jason

Sent from my iPhone
MEDIA REQUEST INFORMATION

Date: Friday, February 8, 2019

Media:
Reporter: Justin Brake
Media Outlet: APTN

Reporter’s Deadline:
Monday, February 11

Context:
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This request came in as a follow-up to the reporter’s original request, which was related to the inquiry into the treatment, experiences and outcomes of Innu in the child protection system. That part of the request has been transferred to Indigenous Affairs for a response.

Questions:
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Suggested Approach:
An official statement from the department

Suggested Statement/Key Messages
The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador participated in initial discussions with the federal government on the proposed legislation related to Indigenous child welfare.

The best interests of indigenous children, youth and their families must be at the heart of any reform.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has always supported Indigenous self-government as a path to Reconciliation. In fact, through extensive consultation with Indigenous governments and organizations, the Children, Youth and Families Act, which was introduced in May 2018, includes provisions which will strengthen service delivery for Indigenous children, youth and families.

In consultation with and approved by:
Director of Child Protection

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Hi Minister,

Jason provided some feedback, which resulted in the edit below in yellow. - Gina

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Suggested Approach:

An official statement from the department

Suggested Statement/Key Messages
The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador participated in initial discussions with the federal government on the proposed legislation related to Indigenous child welfare.

Officials are reviewing the draft federal legislation to analyze its implications for provincial legislation and policies. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will continue to engage with the Federal Government on this important issue.

The best interests of Indigenous children and youth must be at the heart of any reform.

The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has always supported Indigenous self-government as a path to Reconciliation. In fact, through extensive consultation with Indigenous governments and organizations, the Children, Youth and Families Act, which was introduced in May 2018, includes provisions which will strengthen service delivery for Indigenous children, youth and families.
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On Feb 12, 2019, at 6:37 PM, MacArthur, Gina <Gina.MacArthur@gov.nl.ca> wrote:

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Hello Minister,

Today we received a request from CBC that is similar to the one from APTN yesterday. The details are below. The response has been developed in consultation with Michelle S, Renee and Susan, and Susan has consulted with Aubrey Gover (LAS) and Jeff Loder (IGA) who have indicated their support. Please let me know if this response is good with you.

Thanks
Gina

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MEDIA REQUEST INFORMATION

Date: February 12, 2019, 3:30 p.m.

Media:
Reporter: Olivia Stefanovich
Media Outlet: CBC Parliamentary Bureau

Reporter's Deadline:
February 13, a.m.

Context:
On November 30, CBC Ottawa reported that the Indigenous Services Minister Jane Philpott said that the Federal Government plans to hand over control of child welfare services to Indigenous governments, in an effort to drive down the massive number of Indigenous children in foster care. The article reported that specifics of how Ottawa will go about facilitating such a jurisdictional transfer were not explained. However, Minister Philpott is reported as saying, The legislation will be introduced in the House of Commons in early 2019.

On February 8, APTN reported that several provinces are objecting to relinquishing jurisdiction for Indigenous child welfare, specifically referencing Saskatchewan and Ontario.

On February 12, CSSD responded to a similar request from APTN news.

Questions:
1. What is your government's position on transferring the jurisdiction of Indigenous child welfare and apprehensions to First Nations?

2. Will your government allow First Nations to assume responsibility for Indigenous child welfare and apprehensions? If so, what will this mean for your child services department in terms of jobs?

3. Is your government planning to take the federal government to court if a bill passes in the House of Commons allowing First Nations to assume jurisdiction over Indigenous child welfare and apprehensions?

Suggested Approach:
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The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador has always supported Indigenous self-government as a path to reconciliation. In fact, through extensive consultation with Indigenous governments and organizations, the Children, Youth and Families Act, which was introduced in May 2018, includes provisions which will strengthen service delivery for Indigenous children, youth and families.

Officials are reviewing the draft federal legislation to analyze its implications for provincial legislation and policies. The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador will continue to engage with the Federal Government on this important issue.

There have been no discussions about taking the Federal Government to court if this Bill passes in the House of Commons.

In consultation with and approved by:
Deputy Minister  CSSD
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Assistant DM - IGA

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Hi Minister – we need your approval to send this response to Ashley. Dana, Henry, Aisling and Susan have reviewed. Please let me know if you’d like to make any changes. - Gina

The Age-Friendly NL Transportation Pilot Program was designed to assist incorporated non-governmental organizations, municipal governments, Inuit community governments and/or reserves to explore options for age-friendly, community-based transportation projects. The evaluation of the program indicated that age, mobility, geography, and income can present barriers to transportation. The Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development is exploring ways to support inclusive transportation throughout the province and an announcement will be made when that process is completed.

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From: Ashley Fitzpatrick [mailto:ashley.fitzpatrick@thetelegram.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2019 2:52 PM
To: MacArthur, Gina
Subject: Q- Age friendly transportation?

Hi Gina,

Budget 2018 highlights included “$300,000 for Age-Friendly Transportation Project to support initiatives that demonstrate evidence of volunteer involvement and collaboration”

I can’t seem to find anything further on this... Maybe looking in the wrong spot?
Were the funds awarded? Distributed?
Looking for whatever I can get in the next day.

Ashley Fitzpatrick
The Telegram
709-364-2323
Date: 2/8/2019 10:14:52 AM
From: "MacArthur, Gina"
To: "Shallow, Michelle", "Walsh, Susan", "English, Dana", "Dempster, Lisa"
Cc: "Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle"
Subject: RE: MEDIA RESPONSE FOR APPROVAL - Child supervision

Thanks Michelle.
Dana, is Minister good with this response?

Gina

From: Shallow, Michelle
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 10:10 AM
To: Walsh, Susan; English, Dana; MacArthur, Gina; Dempster, Lisa
Cc: Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Subject: RE: MEDIA RESPONSE FOR APPROVAL - Child supervision

I just connected with EECD. The Child Care Act has a definition of child as being under 13 but it applies within the context of receiving services under the child care act.

From: Walsh, Susan
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 9:52 AM
To: English, Dana; MacArthur, Gina; Dempster, Lisa; Shallow, Michelle
Cc: Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Subject: RE: MEDIA RESPONSE FOR APPROVAL - Child supervision

Michelle Shallow – pls see Dana’s comments. I am not aware of and EECD policy on this but thought you would be closer to that?

From: English, Dana <DanaEnglish@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 9:50 AM
To: MacArthur, Gina <GinaMacArthur@gov.nl.ca>; Dempster, Lisa <LisaDempster@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Walsh, Susan <SWalsh@gov.nl.ca>; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle <MichelleHuntGrouchy@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Re: MEDIA RESPONSE FOR APPROVAL - Child supervision

Hi,
Not sure if this is relevant, but aren’t Children under 13, is it, required to have a caregiver/babysitter? Isn’t that an EECO policy? I don’t know if it’s legislated, but...

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: MacArthur, Gina
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 9:12 AM
To: English, Dana; Dempster, Lisa
Cc: Walsh, Susan; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Subject: MEDIA RESPONSE FOR APPROVAL - Child supervision

Hi Dana and Minister,
This is the response we developed to answer Paula Gale’s questions about child supervision. Susan and Michelle Shallow have reviewed.
Please let me know if you would like any changes. - Gina

Families play the primary role in protecting their children by determining the appropriate level of supervision based on the child’s developmental needs. When families are unable to do so, the Department takes appropriate steps to ensure the child’s safety and protection as set out in the Children and Youth Care and Protection (CYCP) Act.

The Children and Youth Care and Protection (CYCP) Act does not define a specific age at which a child can be left without supervision, however Section 10 of the Act does provides definitions that describe when a child is in need of protective intervention, including when a child “has been left without adequate supervision appropriate to the child’s developmental level.”

When information comes to the attention of the Department, the following factors may be considered when screening and assessing appropriate supervision for a child:
- The age and stage of child development (infants, young child, or children with a disability are more vulnerable);
- The amount of time left unsupervised;
- When the alleged lack of supervision occurred (e.g. is it happening right now or did it happen two months ago);
- The level of responsibility given to the child while unsupervised and the arrangements made by the parent to prepare the child to be alone (e.g. whether the child is able to contact the parent or another appropriate adult if needed);
- Whether the police have responded to a similar situation with the family and the police assessment of the situation; and,
- Any other factor the social worker determines to be relevant to the screening and response decision such as a pattern or history of supervision concerns.
Any person who has information that a child is or may be in need of protective intervention is required to immediately report the information to a manager, social worker or peace officer.

From: MacArthur, Gina <GinaMacArthur@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:15 PM
To: Walsh, Susan <SWalsh@gov.nl.ca>; Shallow, Michelle <mshallow@gov.nl.ca>; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle <MichelleHuntGrouchy@gov.nl.ca>; Barnes, Jennifer <JenniferBarnes@gov.nl.ca>; Gogan, Aisling <aislinggogan@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: please send info, re child being alone

Thanks Susan, I’ve made those changes.

Based on the conversation we just had, I also suggest revising the first part of this response to read:

Families have a responsibility to protect the children in their care by determining the appropriate level of supervision for their needs. The Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development supports families to ensure their children are protected. When families are unable to do so, the Department takes appropriate steps to ensure the child’s safety and protection.

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Thoughts?

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Sent: Wednesday, February 6, 2019 5:10 PM
To: MacArthur, Gina; Shallow, Michelle; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle; Barnes, Jennifer; Gogan, Aisling
Subject: RE: please send info, re child being alone

Gina, I am good with leaving all except the last yellow section / paragraph.

From: MacArthur, Gina <GinaMacArthur@gov.nl.ca>
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To: Shallow, Michelle <mshallow@gov.nl.ca>; Walsh, Susan <SWalsh@gov.nl.ca>; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle <MichelleHuntGrouchy@gov.nl.ca>; Barnes, Jennifer <JenniferBarnes@gov.nl.ca>; Gogan, Aisling <aislinggogan@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: please send info, re child being alone

Thanks Michelle – Here’s a revised version:

The Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development (CSSD) is responsible for protecting children and youth from maltreatment through acts of omission or commission by the parent as set out by the Children and Youth Care and Protection (CYCP) Act.

The Act does not define a specific age at which a child can be left without supervision, however Section 10 of the Act does provide definitions that describe when a child is in need of protective intervention, including when a child “has been left without adequate supervision appropriate to the child’s developmental level.”

While parents are responsible to determine the appropriate level of supervision for their children, when information comes to the attention of the Department, the following factors may be considered when screening and assessing appropriate supervision for a child:

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S.29(1)(a)

From: Shallow, Michelle  
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2019 12:52 PM  
To: MacArthur, Gina; Walsh, Susan; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle; Barnes, Jennifer; Gogan, Aisling  
Subject: RE: please send info, re child being alone

Hi Gina
I have reviewed and highlighted recommended changes below.
thanks
Michelle

From: MacArthur, Gina  
Sent: Wednesday, February 06, 2019 10:41 AM  
To: Shallow, Michelle; Walsh, Susan; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle; Barnes, Jennifer; Gogan, Aisling  
Subject: RE: please send info, re child being alone

Hi Michelle,
Thanks for the very detailed key messages! For the purpose of the media response I am recommending we provide this to the reporter:

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Gina
My division will review your draft and provide messaging on this media request. What are our timelines? Sorry for delayed response been out of the office at meetings since yesterday afternoon.
Michelle

From: MacArthur, Gina
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Walsh, Susan; Shallow, Michelle; Hunt-Grouch, Michelle; Barnes, Jennifer; Gogan, Aisling
Subject: RE: please send info, re child being alone

Hi folks,
I've taken the liberty of starting some key messages on this topic – please have a look and let's plan to meet to discuss. The reporter is aware that we won't be able to give her a response today. She is gathering information and hopes to have everything together by end of day Tuesday. She is not looking for a response to the specifics of the situation with the child at Walmart this week, but just an overview of what parents should consider when leaving a child alone.
Gina

From: MacArthur, Gina
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2019 10:55 AM
To: Walsh, Susan; Shallow, Michelle; Hunt-Grouch, Michelle
Subject: FW: please send info, re child being alone

Hi folks,
I've spoken to Paula, who called regarding the recent media story about the child being left in the car at Walmart recently. She's looking to speak to someone or do an interview about what the rules are for leaving a child alone. Can we get together to discuss?
Gina

From: Paula Gale [mailto:paula.gale@cbc.ca]
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2019 10:51 AM
To: MacArthur, Gina; HILLIER, CAROLINE
Subject: please send info, re child being alone

Hi Gina,

I know we just chatted on the phone. My producer Caroline Hillier is really hoping we'll able to pursue this story. And at least give listeners some sense of the guidelines.

Can you send along any information that you have on this?

thanks!!

Paula

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Paula Gale
Associate Producer
CBC St. John's Morning Show

S.40(1)
Hi Minister/Dana – just keeping this in view. Would like to respond to Ashley today.

Gina

From: MacArthur, Gina
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2019 3:22 PM
To: Dempster, Lisa; English, Dana
Cc: Gogan, Aisling; Walsh, Susan; Kielley, Henry; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Subject: FW: Q- Age friendly transportation?

Hi Minister – we’ve revised the response to Ashley Fitzpatrick’s request as suggested by Dana. Are you OK with this version? - Gina

The Age-Friendly NL Transportation Pilot Program was designed to assist communities in creating age-friendly transportation projects. Through the pilot, $1.3 million was provided over three years (2013/14 to 2015/16) and since then, $300,000 has been provided annually to projects in St. John’s, Clarenville, Springdale, Twillingate – New World Island and Bay St. George South. The pilot is being evaluated, which will inform next steps in making transportation more accessible in Newfoundland and Labrador.

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From: MacArthur, Gina <GinaMacArthur@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Friday, February 8, 2019 3:36 PM
To: Walsh, Susan <Swalsh@gov.nl.ca>; English, Dana <DanaEnglish@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Kielley, Henry <HenryKielley@gov.nl.ca>; Gogan, Aisling <aislinggogan@gov.nl.ca>; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle <MichelleHuntGrouchy@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: APPROVAL REQUIRED: Q - Age friendly transportation?
Importance: High

Hi Susan and Dana, this is what Henry and Aisling are now recommending on the Age Friendly Transportation media request. Dana, can you please advise if Minister is OK with this version?

The Age-Friendly NL Transportation Pilot Program was designed to assist communities in creating age-friendly transportation projects. $1.9 million has been provided to projects in St. John’s, Clarenville, Springdale, Twillingate, New World Island and Bay St. George South. Another $300,000 has been allocated as part of Budget 2018, which will be distributed based on new guidelines developed by lessons learned from the pilot.

Thanks,
Gina

From: English, Dana
Sent: Friday, February 08, 2019 10:59 AM
To: MacArthur, Gina; Dempster, Lisa
Cc: Gogan, Aisling; Walsh, Susan; Kielley, Henry; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Subject: Re: Q - Age friendly transportation?

Hi,

See the x in the revised below - Can we just give a global number to date?

Minister approved what’s below - just add number
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Bell network.

From: MacArthur, Gina
Sent: Thursday, February 7, 2019 2:51 PM
To: Dempster, Lisa; English, Dana
Cc: Gogan, Aisling; Walsh, Susan; Kielley, Henry; Hunt-Grouchy, Michelle
Subject: FW: Q - Age friendly transportation?

Hi Minister, we have revised the response to Ashley Fitzpatrick’s request as suggested by Dana. Are you OK with this version? - Gina

The Age-Friendly NL Transportation Pilot Program was designed to assist communities in creating age-friendly transportation projects. $x million has been provided to projects in St. John’s, Clarenville, Springdale, Twillingate, New World Island and Bay St. George South. Another $300,000 has been allocated as part of Budget 2018 under this project, following the evaluation of the pilot.

From: Ashley Fitzpatrick [mailto:ashley.fitzpatrick@thetelegram.com]
Sent: Monday, February 04, 2019 2:52 PM
To: MacArthur, Gina
Subject: Q - Age friendly transportation?

Hi Gina,

Budget 2018 highlights included $300,000 for Age-Friendly Transportation Project to support initiatives that demonstrate evidence of volunteer involvement and collaboration. I can’t seem to find anything further on this. Maybe looking in
the wrong spot? Were the funds awarded? Distributed? Looking for whatever I can get in the next day.

Ashley Fitzpatrick
The Telegram
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<td>Expanded Housing and Transportation Services for Seniors</td>
<td>CSDD</td>
<td>Increased number of communities with age friendly transportation.</td>
<td>Client satisfaction with age friendly transportation programs (The projects regularly seek feedback from riders through surveys.)</td>
<td>On Schedule</td>
<td>Minister</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>TBO</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>• The Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development has implemented and evaluated an Age-Friendly Transportation Program pilot. The Age-Friendly Transportation Pilot Program was designed to assist communities in creating age-friendly transportation projects. $3.9 million has been provided to projects in St. John’s, Clarenville, Stephenville, and New World Island. $1 million for projects in 2018/19. • The Provincial Housing and Homelessness Plan is being created in tandem with the ongoing bi-lateral negotiations with the Government of Canada. The plan will reflect the emerging needs of a number of key population groups, with specific attention to the unique needs of seniors and our aging population.</td>
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<td>Expanded Housing and Transportation Services for Seniors</td>
<td>NHC</td>
<td>1. Continued dialogue with key government departments, community stakeholders and federal counterparts to support the finalization of the Provincial Housing and Homelessness Plan. The plan will target key populations, including seniors (August/September 2018)</td>
<td>• Increased number of housing options available to older adults • NHC data collection to track renewed investments in housing options for seniors.</td>
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<td>Find Homes for Children in Care</td>
<td>CSDD</td>
<td>(1) A staff hired by August (2) Identification of children to be included in the project (3) Complete adoption profile packages (4) Match children to approved adoptive applicants</td>
<td>1. Completed 100 adoption profiles for children and youth available for adoption 2. Matched adoption profiles with adoptive families</td>
<td>On Schedule</td>
<td>Minister</td>
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<td>• The Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development has identified a range of strategies to address program growth in children’s protection and in care services, including: • Dedicated resources over the next two years to develop adoption profiles for children and youth and to help complete the matching and approval process; • Trained staff to increase efficiency in the foster parent adoption process. • New legislation to protect the safety and well-being of children and youth received Royal Assent on May 31, 2018. The new Children, Youth and Families Act will replace the Children and Youth Care and Protection Act, builds on the principles of the previous act and is child and youth-centred, family-focused, culturally responsive.</td>
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| 1. Reduction in administrative costs.  
2. Increased client satisfaction including decision making ability over and post eclectic reports.  
3. Increased portability and flexibility of support across all departments and programs.  
4. Increased number of individuals who are supported to remain in their homes and communities. |  |
| On-Schedule | Cabinet | Yes | TBO | Ongoing |