

April 26, 2019



Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: FIN-27-2019]

On March 27, 2019, the Department of Finance received your access to information request for the following:

“I request the following clarifying information on the 15% tax on Seniors' Health Benefits. 1. Date when this Policy was enacted (I understand sometime in 2016?). 2. Date when discussions/deliberations on this Policy began. 3. Names and positions of those who were involved in discussions/deliberations on the implementation of this Policy. 4. Person/position who signed off on this Policy. 5. List of factors supporting the implementation of this Policy. 6. List of anticipated or real adverse effects on the implementation of this Policy. 7. Names of Ministers who read the documentation on this Policy before approval and implementation. 8. Records of any Minutes with other information pertinent to the above Requests.”

This is to advise that the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador does not have a “15% tax on Seniors’ Health Benefits”, and as such, the Department of Finance does not have records responsive to your above request.

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".

Beth Bartlett, CIAPP-C
ATIPP Coordinator