May 7, 2019

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: FIN-31-2019]

On April 10, 2019, the Department of Finance received your access to information request for the following:

“Re: imposition of 15% tax on insurance premiums by the NL Government adopted in the 2016 Budget. Request: Amount of revenue collected on insurance premiums to March 31, 2019 since this was implemented in the 2016 Provincial Budget.”

The Department of Finance is pleased to advise that your request has been granted.

It is noted that the total amount of revenue collected on insurance premiums from the program’s inception in 2016 to March 31, 2019, is $313,709,961.22.

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 responsive records 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 responsive records 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
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