

May 15, 2019

Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (File # NR-78-2019)

On May 1, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources received your request for access to the following information:

For the fiscal year 2018-2019 (April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019) please provide the following information:

How many cellular phones did DNR have?

Of the above how many were iPhone, how many were blackberry and how many were others?

How many cellular phones did DNR purchase in that fiscal year?

How much did DNR spend on cellular phone purchases in that fiscal year?

How much did DNR spend on cellular phone service in that fiscal year?

How much was budgeted for cellular phone purchases and cellular service?

How many tablets or iPads did DNR have in that fiscal year?

How many were iPads and how many were other forms of tablets?

How many iPads or tablets did DNR purchase in that fiscal year?

How much did DNR spend on iPad or tablets purchases in that fiscal year?

How much did DNR spend on data or other services for these devices?

How much was budgeted for purchase of these devices?

How much was budgeted for data and other services?

What is the total number of people at DNR assigned a cellular phone?

What is the total number of people at DNR assigned a tablet or iPad?

How many staff have been assigned a cellular phone and tablet?

How many times did any employee exceed the monthly allotted data, minutes, etc provided by the DNR plan and how much in total did DNR pay for overages.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Department of Natural Resources, confirmed by the Deputy Minister, to provide access to the requested

information. The questions and answers are as follows.

1. How many cellular phones did DNR have?
56 (40 assigned annually, 13 seasonally assigned and 3 floaters)
2. Of the above how many were iPhone, how many were blackberry and how many were others?
29 I Phones / 24 Blackberry's / Other 3
3. How many cellular phones did DNR purchase in that fiscal year?
8
4. How much did DNR spend on cellular phone purchases in that fiscal year?
\$579.96
5. How much did DNR spend on cellular phone service in that fiscal year?
\$32,165.74
6. How much was budgeted for cellular phone purchases and cellular service?
\$38,300
7. How many tablets or iPads did DNR have in that fiscal year?
16 (15 for field programming and 1 for executive)
8. How many were iPads and how many were other forms of tablets?
4 iPads, 11 Samsung Galaxy Tab A tablets and 1 Dell
9. How many iPads or tablets did DNR purchase in that fiscal year?
4 Samsung Galaxy Tab A tablets
10. How much did DNR spend on iPad or tablets purchases in that fiscal year?

\$1,076 (plus tax)

11. How much did DNR spend on data or other services for these devices?

\$0 as they do not connect to the secure GNL network. They are used for offsite field data collection.

12. How much was budgeted for purchase of these devices?

See answer 10

13. How much was budgeted for data and other services?

See answer 11

14. What is the total number of people at DNR assigned a cellular phone?

53. 40 assigned for full year and 13 assigned for seasonal use

15. What is the total number of people at DNR assigned a tablet or iPad?

The iPads and Tablets are shared by staff in the Geological Survey & Mineral Lands divisions. There is one Executive member assigned a tablet

16. How many staff have been assigned a cellular phone and tablet?

Only 1 person is assigned a tablet and a cell phone. At NR tablets are not used in the same fashion as a cellular phone therefore the remaining tablets are not assigned to any one staff.

17. How many times did any employee exceed the monthly allotted data, minutes, etc provided by the DNR plan and how much in total did DNR pay for overages?

There is no monthly data, minutes 'allotted' to employees. Monthly usage is determined by the demands placed upon those employees and their positions. Bell Mobility automatically adjusts monthly billing to the appropriate tier to reflect individual usage and charges for that billing period. This allows for flexibility for users from month to month and also eliminates the department from receiving overage charges.

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
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St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

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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 letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it 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 letter posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 709-729-0463 or rhynes@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Hynes".

Rod Hynes
ATIPP Coordinator