



Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
Children, Seniors and Social Development

August 16, 2017

Ms. Judith Rae
By Email: jrae@oktlaw.com

Dear Ms. Rae:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* [Our File #: CSSD 21-2017]

On July 7, 2017, the Department of Children, Seniors and Social Development received your request for access to the following records:

This request is for all records showing the amount of money spent per year, for the most recently available 3 years, on:

- (a) travel expenses for the removal, change of placement and return of Innu children and youth taken into care under the Children and Youth Care and Protection Act who are placed outside of Sheshatshiu and Natuashish – inclusive of: staff travel, child/youth travel, flights, hotels, meals, other transportation and all related costs.*
- (b) travel expenses for visits by parents or other families to Innu children and youth taken into care under the Children and Youth Care and Protection Act who are placed outside of Sheshatshiu and Natuashish, where those visits are paid for by the government – inclusive of: parent/family travel, staff travel if applicable, flights, hotels, meals, other transportation and all related costs.*

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 the requested information.

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed. Please be advised that in some instances, review of travel claims and invoices did not provide enough information to determine if the travel was related to placement travel or family visiting travel. These unidentified travel claim or invoice amounts are not included in the totals. Further, it is noted that the reduction in costs in 2016-17 was the result of a reduction in the number of out of province placements – from approximately 35 at the beginning of 2016-17 to 23 in March 2017.

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 contact me by telephone at (709) 729-6370 or by email at jennifertaylor@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Taylor".

Jennifer Taylor
ATIPP Coordinator

Enclosure

Department of Children Seniors and Social Development
ATIPP Request
Family Visiting and Placement Travel

	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
Family Visiting Travel	234,926.30	152,388.64	176,316.21
Placement Travel (incl. Treatment Centres)	99,397.35	187,318.72	123,162.63
	<u>334,323.65</u>	<u>339,707.36</u>	<u>299,478.84</u>