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Ministre des Finances

Sept. 7, 2022

Graham Steele,
Commissioner
Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
Iqaluit, NU X0A0H0

Dear Mr. Steele,

Thank you for your review report 22-228-RR, dated August 12, 2022. We appreciate your careful review of this file, and confirmation that our exemptions under section 20 (1)(a) of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (ATIPP) were correctly applied.

I can confirm that the Department of Finance will follow your recommendations in this matter. With respect to your second recommendation, it is not our practice to revisit the application of exemptions made to a request months or years after the initial request has been completed and IPC review has concluded. However, should another request for these materials be made after charges are laid or dropped, the Department of Finance will revisit the decision to withhold the reports at that time with your recommendation in mind.

Furthermore, we appreciate you sharing your review report for 22-227-RR, which provides additional advice and clarification on the application of sections 23 (2)(b) of the *Act*, and third-party consultations. These reports will help guide the Department of Finance in fulfilling future ATIPP requests for information.

Thank you,

Hon. Lorne Kusugak
Minister of Finance

cc. Jeff Chown, Deputy Minister, Finance
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