

February 22, 2021

Dear [REDACTED]:

Re: We do not have the information you asked for – 2021-00135-HEA

The Department of Health and Wellness received your application for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act) on January 25, 2021.

In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

Amended January 21, 2021: Please provide documentation on any analysis that looks at the social costs of COVID-19 and the consequences from government lockdown measures limited to changes to suicide rates, non-COVID health care system consequences, depression, alcoholism, substance abuse and business bankruptcies. Limited to briefing notes at the Executive Director level or above. The time frame for this request is March 1, 2020 to December 15, 2020.

After a file search, we have located no records responsive to your application. Therefore, it is my understanding, pursuant to clause 7(2)(b) of the Act, that the Department of Health and Wellness does not have custody or control of records which would respond to your application.

You have the right to ask for a review of this decision by the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner (formerly the Review Officer). You have 60 days from the date of this letter to exercise this right. If you wish to ask for a review, you may do so on Form 7, a copy of which is attached. Send the completed form to the Information Access and Privacy Commissioner, P.O. Box 181, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M4.

Please be advised that a de-identified copy of this disclosure letter will be made public after 14 days. The package will be posted online at <https://openinformation.novascotia.ca/>. The letter will not include your name, address, or any other personal information that you have supplied while making your application under FOIPOP.

Please contact Melinda Frelick at 902-424-6920 or by e-mail at melinda.frelick@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Sincerely,



Jeannine Lagassé
Associate Deputy Minister