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Commissaire à l'information et à la protection de la vie privée C.P. 2000, Charlottetown PE Canada C1A 7N8

### PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL



October 21, 2024

Via Email

Dear

Re:

Request for review under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Public Body: Department of Finance

Public Body's reference number: FIN 2023-423

Our file reference: FI-24-575

This review relates to your access request for the following:

"All records in any format including electronic mail, Black Berry messenger (BBM), text messages etc of Wes Sheridan either sent to, or received by, or makes mention of " Time Period: November 1, 2011 — April 1, 2012.

Your request for review identified three primary areas of concern, two of which I previously refused, with reasons as set out in my letter to you dated July 2, 2024.

The remaining issue was your complaint that the Public Body had not searched paper records for printed copies of Blackberry messages or text messages. Before deciding whether to conduct a review of this remaining issue, I referred you back to the Public Body and suggested you provide them with more information so that they could identify potential areas to search for the requested records. I understand you did go back to the Public Body, and that you provided them with more information.

The Public Body gave us a copy of your letter to the head of the Public Body, and their subsequent letter to you, dated September 6, 2024. The Public Body conducted a supplementary search of their physical files (paper records), using the additional information and search parameters you had provided to assist in identifying locations to search, and also conducted a physical search of a general correspondence file for fiscal years 2011 to 2012. This supplementary search did not locate any records responsive to your request.

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As the Public Body conducted a supplementary search of the physical (paper) records, which is what your concern was, and did so using the additional information you provided to them for this purpose, I am satisfied that the Public Body has addressed your concern. For this reason, in my opinion, the circumstances do not warrant conducting a review. Therefore, pursuant to subsection 64.1(b) of the *FOIPP Act*, am refusing to conduct a review of this issue.

As this was the only issue remaining in this matter, I am closing our file.

Sincerely,

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Information and Privacy Commissioner

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