

September 27, 2021

Shelly D Hipson
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Sent via email: shellyhipson@gmail.com

Dear Shelly Hipson:

Re: You are entitled to the information you requested - 2021-01571-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 August 19, 2021.

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

Amended August 25, 2021: Record showing a detailed financial statement regarding the total breakdown of the costs of the pandemic. (Date Range for Record Search: From 1/31/2020 To 8/17/2021)

Responsive records have been located and are attached. This response covers only the costs specifically relating to the Department of Health and Wellness. Data provided is a reporting summary from April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

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 and the attached response to your FOIPOP application 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,



Craig Beaton
Associate Deputy Minister

COVID-19 Reporting Summary 2020-21:

Cost Driver	Actuals
HHR (Pay for self-isolating employee who travelled outside of Canada, Staff member off due to being tested for COVID-19)	20,735
Compensation packages	154,423
Personal Protective Equipment - Bulk Purchases	37,027
Personal Protective Equipment- Claims	11,159
Supplies	30,039
Equipment	614
Change in Operating Costs	2,844
Loss of Revenue	722
Other	571
Immunization Program for COVID -19	3,369
Federal Safe Restart #1 – Contact Tracing and Data Management	42,917
Federal Safe Restart #2 – Health System Capacity & Mental Health	25,014
Federal Safe Restart #3– Vulnerable Populations	4,864
SRA Initiative Overages	0
HSCP 2nd Wave for Health System Capacity Preparedness (2nd Wave)	7,431
Virtual Care Bilateral	2,659
Capital Stimulus	38,455
NSHA Capital COVID costs	21,128
Out of Province Inpatient (OPIP)	(4,445)
Out of Province Out Patient (OPOP)	(4,344)
Out of Province Travel Assistance (OPTA)	(64)
Out of Country	(342)
Optometric Payments	(1,947)
Dental Programs	(1,164)
Nursing Services (COVID)	(24,161)
LTC Funding Reduction	(375)
LTC Decrease in accommodation charges	5,078
LTC Expert Panel Reallocation	(5,120)
Investing in Capital Infrastructure Program (ICIP)	0
COVID-19 Related Supplies	1,584
Physician Services	(140,957)
Physician Services Virtual Fees & non-face-to-face procedures	58,077
Physician Services COVID-19 Sessionals	4,694
OPOR Readiness	(2,169)
Total	288,316
Revenue & Recoveries Impacted (Refer to details in table 3 below)	(83,243)
Net COVID-19 Impact	205,072