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February 25, 2022

Shelly D. Hipson
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Dear Shelly D. Hipson:

Re: We do not have the information you asked for – 2021-01858-PRE / PRE-21-62

Office of the Premier received your application for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP)* on October 7, 2021. In your application, you requested a copy of the following records:

Any and all records on COVID-19 vaccine exemptions issued and provided by the province. This would include letters/memos/e-mails/correspondence etc that have been issued - including any that may have been issued to MLAs and other levels of government - stating that the vaccine is not mandatory. This would include Premier Tim Houston and previous premiers who would have issued such a letter to MLAs and other groups, organizations etc. in the province.

(This is circulating around on social media - that MLAs - and municipal staff - can have an exemption - looking for information as to whether this is true or not) (Date Range for Record Search: From 11/30/2020 To 10/06/2021)

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 Office of the Premier does not have custody or control of records which would respond to your application.

I am unaware of a department or agency which would hold such records.

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* Act 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* Act.

Please contact Robert Bay at 902-424-8472 or by e-mail at robert.bay@novascotia.ca, if you need further assistance regarding this application.

Sincerely,

Laura Lee Langley
Deputy Minister

Attachment

Intended for Applicant Use