

Submission to the Statutory Review Committee on *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

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An e-mail from Jordan Willis Lester to Premier Marshall and Minister Steve Kent, which was forwarded by the Minister's Office to the ATIPPA Review Committee on April 25, 2014.

Hi Premier Tom Marshall and my local MHA Steve Kent, I was rereading the Saturday, February 1st of 2014 edition of "the weekly telegram" and it's leading story 'what you need to know about bill 29 and beyond'. In the second paragraph of the article, he states, "the government is doing a full review of the province's access to information system, and members of the public can get involved in the conversation, attend public consultations and have their say via email to Public engagement minister Steve Kent (stevekent@gov.nl.ca) or to Premier Tom Marshall (premier@gov.nl.ca). So I am looking for more information on this process. As a private citizen, a MUN student near finishing a BA (bachelor of arts) communication studies major, political science minor, I have a keen interest in providing feedback on this topic. I also know other friends, students, etc. Who have keen insights into how ATIPPA (access to information and personal privacy protection act) has and is working (or not working). Premier Marshall, thanks again for having an open door policy and saying that you want to hear feedback from people, be it good or bad. I know MHA Kent, you and Premier Marshall are like minded on the topic of openness and accessibility. So I await your reply, and I welcome in advance your feedback.

Sincerely,
Jordan Willis Lester

April 14, 2014

An e-mail from Jordan Willis Lester to the ATIPPA Review Committee

Some of the questions I wanted to propose to the committees about ATIPPA that I would love to see covered under the terms of the review is clarifying how ATIPPA legislation applies to universities and colleges. As a university student, I went in to the ATIPPA office and I was told that I was the first student not involved in MUNSU's staff or board of directors to be aware that they can make an access to information request. I was going to make an ATIPP request to see a contract the MUN student union signed with the university in the early to mid 2000's about control of the UC cafeteria but was told by the MUN ATIPP office that they not sure if the ATIPP legislation applies to student unions. Is this something the ATIPP review could clarify?

Thanks and sincerely,
Jordan Willis Lester