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To:	Tansy Mundon	Date:	July 4, 2007
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Subject:	Access to information request(s) under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our Files #: HCS ATI 07010, HCS ATI 07011, HCS ATI 07012)]		

The Department of Health and Community Services has received three requests for information respecting the ER/PR Hormone receptor testing issue, as follows:

 Briefing notes - in any and all formats, including paper & electronic - prepared for the Minister on the ER/PR cancer testing issue at Eastern Health. Time frame of request is Jan. 1, 2005, to March 14, 2006, inclusive.

2. Briefing notes - in any and all formats, including paper & electronic - prepared for the Minister on the ER/PR cancer testing issue at Eastern Health. Time frame of request is March 14, 2006 through Jan. 19, 2007, inclusive.

3. Briefing notes - in any and all formats, including paper & electronic - prepared for the Minister on the ER/PR cancer testing issue at Eastern Health. Time frame of request is Jan. 19, 2007 to present.

We have collected and reviewed the relevant documents in the context of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Attached please find a copy of the responsive documents. We have highlighted our preliminary screen of passages that may be severed and exempted from disclosure. You will also note a couple of highlighted questions on two notes. These questions are intended for our legal counsel.

Our response date is July 12, 2007. We also have to brief the Minister prior to that time, so I would appreciate your response, comments and or opinions by Tuesday July 10, 2007.

We have already sent this morning a copy of these documents for review by Justice, Cabinet Secretariat, Communications - Executive Council and Eastern Health. I understand from you that the Premier's Office is requesting 3 copies for review by Elizabeth Matthews, Brian Crawley and Brian Taylor. Copies are attached as requested.

If you have any further questions concerning this ATIPP request, please contact me via email at rooates@gov.nl.ca.

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