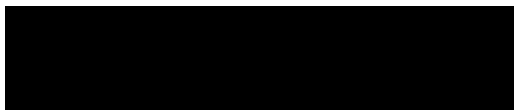


BY EMAIL

Québec City, July 27, 2022



Subject: Access request
Our ref.: 1847 00/2022-2023.157

Hello,

This email is further to your request for access received at our office on June 23, 2022, regarding the decision on access request 2022-2023.077.

You are requesting access to obtain information as follows:

« [...]

- In your response to the request 2022-2023.077, you write that “With respect to your last point, please note that the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information (attached) puts certain restrictions on access rights. More specifically, per sections 9 (paragraph 2), 37, 53, and 54 of the Act, you do not have the right to access the documents in question.”

Can you confirm the existence of each document withheld and provide (a) the date of each document whose access is refused, (b) a brief description of the document (email, explanatory document, etc.), (d) the title of each document, and (d) the articles applicable to that particular document. Also, how many documents were thus withheld?

- Also, in response to the request, you have provided an excel spreadsheet (tab 3) detailing population per age category (59 ans et moins ou 60 ans et plus) and vaccine status. Can you provide a similar spreadsheet for all the Tableau de Bord that were published? If it takes too much time or is too difficult to provide all the figures, please provide the spreadsheet starting from January 1, 2022. If that's too difficult as well, please provide the spreadsheets since April 28, 2022. » (*sic*)

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With respect to the first part of your request, we would like to reiterate that you are being denied access to the emails in question (a total of 6 emails dated April 2022 that led to proposals). They contain information that affects administrative or policy decisions. Our decision is based on Section 34 (emails written on behalf of the minister) and the first paragraph of Section 37 of the *Act respecting access to documents held by public bodies and the protection of personal information* (CQLR, c A-2.1), hereinafter the Act.

In addition, these emails contain personal information as defined in sections 53 and 54 of the Act.

Last, the emails you are requesting access to are *preparatory* documents. Pursuant to Section 9 of the Act, we cannot grant your request.

Since all of the information referred to above forms the substance of these documents as defined in the second paragraph of Section 14 of the Act, we cannot authorize access to the emails.

As for the second part of your request, MSSS does not have the historical dashboard data as it is updated daily. However, data on vaccination status by age group is available at: <https://www.donneesquebec.ca/recherche/dataset/covid-19-portrait-quotidien-du-statut-vaccinal-des-nouveaux-cas-et-des-nouvelles-hospitalisations/resource/8ab7a1ee-cf39-41de-82b7-5caadb199026>

You may apply to Commission d'accès à l'information du Québec for a review of this decision within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. More information is available at: <https://www.cai.gouv.qc.ca/citoyens/recours-devant-la-commission/concernant-lacces-aux-documents-dorganismes-publics/>

Also attached is the official response to your request dully signed by the person in charge of access to documents.