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**Privacy Commissioner initiates investigation into breach of government's access to information web portal**

**HALIFAX** – Information and Privacy Commissioner Catherine Tully has launched an investigation into the recently announced breach of the government's access to information web portal.

This investigation will examine whether the Department of Internal Services was in compliance with Nova Scotia's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The investigation will focus in particular on the adequacy of the security of the system.

When the investigation is complete, a public report will be published online at [www.foipop.ns.ca](http://www.foipop.ns.ca).

As this is an active investigation, no additional details are available at this time.

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The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner provides independent oversight of Nova Scotia's access and privacy laws including the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, the *Municipal Government Act (Part XX)*, the *Privacy Officer Review Act* and the *Personal Health Information Act*.

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