

**THE NOVA SCOTIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT**

**A REQUEST FOR REVIEW** of a decision of the **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION** to sever a Report it commissioned into irregular financial transactions at the **Strait Regional School Board**.

**REVIEW OFFICER:** Darce Fardy

**REPORT DATE:** June 27, 2002

**ISSUE:** Whether the disclosure of the entire report would reasonably be expected to harm law enforcement and be exempt under Section 15(1).

In a Request for Review under the **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**, dated May 24, 2002, the Applicant asked that I recommend to the Department of Education that it reverse its decision to sever a Report commissioned by the Department into financial irregularities at the Strait Regional School Board.

This request is the same as the one I addressed in report FI-02-53. The Department's decision is the same and its representation to the Review are the same for both.

I attach a copy of the first review.

**DATED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

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Darce Fardy, Review Officer