

COURTESY TRANSLATION

July 10, 2017

M. Colin Craig



Dear Mr. Craig,

I am writing in response to your request for access, received on June 19, 2017, which is worded as follows:

Please provide documentation on any reports or analysis on demographic shifts (aging population) in Quebec occurring in the future and how that relates to future revenues, expenditures and debt levels. Note: The Federal government produces a "Fiscal Sustainability Report" each year that looks at long-term revenue and expenditure forecasts and projected fiscal gaps (primarily due to an aging population). That's the type of report or material that I'm looking for, but from the province's perspective. The time frame for this request is November 1, 2015 to present.

In accordance with section 47 of the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information* (CQLR, chapter A-2.1; the "Act respecting access"), I hereby inform you that the Ministère des Finances holds documents corresponding to your request. However, they cannot be disclosed to you, because they are working documents or documents of the same nature, or opinions or recommendations presented less than ten years earlier, and, as such, they are protected under section 9 and/or section 37 of the Act respecting access.

The Ministère des Finances does not produce a document similar to the *Fiscal Sustainability Report*, but four documents have been identified that may satisfy in part your request:

- The Québec Economic Plan – November 2015 Update: http://www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/documents/Autres/en/AUTEN_upd_ateNov2015.pdf
- The Québec Economic Plan – March 2016: <http://www.budget.finances.gouv.qc.ca/budget/2016-2017/en/documents/EconomicPlan.pdf>
- The Québec Economic Plan – October 2016 Update: http://www.finances.gouv.qc.ca/documents/Autres/en/AUTEN_upd_ateOct2016.pdf

- The Québec Economic Plan – March 2017:
http://www.budget.finances.gouv.qc.ca/budget/2017-2018/en/documents/EconomicPlan_March2017.pdf

If you wish to contest this decision, you may do so through the Commission de l'accès à l'information. The explanatory note attached provides information on how to exercise this recourse.

Sincerely,

David St-Martin
Person in charge of access to documents
for the Ministère des Finances

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