

May 4, 2026

Devon Drover
Canadian Taxpayers Federation
East Block P.O Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Patrick Webber:

Re: *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act – Budget 2026-27*

I am writing in reference to your request received in the Office of the Premier on March 18, 2026, for the following information:

Any records related to the proposed increase (including rationale) of funding for the Office of the Premier in Budget 2026-27.

Timeframe: April 1, 2025 to March 18, 2026.

Attached is information pertaining to your request. Please note that information has been redacted from these documents in accordance with the following provisions of the *Right to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*:

16 (1.1) The head of a public body may obscure information contained in a record referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) or sever information from a record referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) before giving the applicant a copy of the record or permitting the applicant to examine the record, if, in the opinion of the head, the information is not relevant to the request for information.

***17(1) The head of a public body shall refuse to disclose to an applicant information that would reveal the substance of deliberations of the Executive Council, including but not limited to
(b) discussion papers, policy analyses, proposals, memorandums, advice or similar briefing material submitted or prepared for submission to the Executive Council,***

***26 (1) The head of a public body may refuse to disclose information to an applicant if disclosure could reasonably be expected to reveal
(a) advice, opinions, proposals or recommendations developed by or for the public body or a Minister of the Crown***

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you may file a complaint with the Office of the Ombud as per section 67(1)(a)(i) within 40 business days of receiving this response or refer the matter to a judge of the Court of King's Bench as per section 65(1)(a) within 40 business days of receiving this response.

The complaint and appeal forms can be retrieved from the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy website; Complaint with the Ombud NB – Access and Privacy Division, – Form 2 – Complaint form”; and an appeal to a judge is located under “Court of King’s Bench – Form 1 – Appeal form”. Both forms can be found at the following link [Make an access complaint - gnb.ca](#).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Robichaud".

Julie Robichaud
Deputy Chief of Staff

From: [Robichaud, Julie C \(PO/CPM\)](#)
To: [Sutherland, Lindsay \(FTB/FCT\)](#)
Cc: [Davey, Katie \(PO/CPM\)](#); [Manrique Ariza, Darlene \(FTB/FCT\)](#)
Subject: RE: FY27 Budget Submission for signature
Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 11:45:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Lindsey,

Could we have a quick call first, please?

From: Sutherland, Lindsay (FTB/FCT) <Lindsay.Sutherland2@gnb.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, February 4, 2026 11:44 AM
To: Robichaud, Julie C (PO/CPM) <Julie.Robichaud.Carroll@gnb.ca>
Cc: Davey, Katie (PO/CPM) <Katie.Davey@gnb.ca>; Manrique Ariza, Darlene (FTB/FCT) <Darlene.ManriqueAriza@gnb.ca>
Subject: FW: FY27 Budget Submission for signature

Hello

I'm just following up to see if this can be signed today? Does everything look ok, or do you have changes that need to be made?

Lindsay Sutherland, MBA, CPA

Director of Finance (acting) / Directrice des finances (intérimaire)
Finance and Treasury Board / Finances et Conseil du Trésor
Phone / Téléphone: 506-230-2042
E-mail / Courriel : Lindsay.sutherland2@gnb.ca

From: Manrique Ariza, Darlene (FTB/FCT) <Darlene.ManriqueAriza@gnb.ca>
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2026 3:49 PM
To: Robichaud, Julie C (PO/CPM) <Julie.Robichaud.Carroll@gnb.ca>
Cc: Davey, Katie (PO/CPM) <Katie.Davey@gnb.ca>; Sutherland, Lindsay (FTB/FCT) <Lindsay.Sutherland2@gnb.ca>; Yapit, Donna (FTB/FCT) <Donna.Yapit@gnb.ca>
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- SNB Transfer (-1k)

Let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to add any additional comments

Thank you.



Darlene Manrique

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[FY27_EN_e_200 Office of the Premier.pdf](#)
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From: [Sutherland, Lindsay \(FTB/FCT\)](#)
To: [Robichaud, Julie C \(PO/CPM\)](#)
Subject: revised FTE count - budget package OoP for signature
Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026 9:58:24 AM
Attachments: [FY27_EN_e_200 Office of the Premier \(1\).pdf](#)
[FY27 OoP FR.pdf](#)

Attachments have been redacted and removed as per s. 17(1)(b) and s. 26(1)(a).

Hi Julie,

We have changed the FTE count in the attached from 17 to 16 for FY27 as per our discussion

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To: [Davey, Katie \(PO/CPM\)](#)
Subject: Fw: revised FTE count - budget package OoP for signature
Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026 10:09:32 AM
Attachments: [FY27_EN_e_200 Office of the Premier \(1\).pdf](#)
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From: [Smith, Ian \(FTB/FCT\)](#)
To: [Davey, Katie \(PO/CPM\)](#); [Robichaud, Julie C \(PO/CPM\)](#)
Cc: [Sutherland, Lindsay \(FTB/FCT\)](#)
Subject: 2026-2027 Main Estimates - Department Decision Sheet
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 11:08:45 AM
Attachments: [OoP.pdf](#)

Good morning Deputy,

Please find attached the 2026-27 budget decision sheet for preparation of your Main estimates' sheets.

This sheet is subject to final cabinet approval and should be treated as confidential.

Thank you

Ian Smith, MBA

Senior Financial Analyst/Analyste principale des finances
Budget and Financial Management/Affaires budgétaires et financières
Finance and Treasury Board / Finances et Conseil du Trésor

**2026-27 Ordinary Account Budget Decisions
(\$000s)**

	Request 2026-27	Budget 2026-27
Office of the Premier		
2025-26 Gross Ordinary Budget (Current Budget)	1,734	1,734
Government Decisions		
Total Increase (Decrease)	-	-
Budget Pressures		
Total Increase (Decrease)	-	-
Priority Initiatives		
Subtotal	-	-
Budget Reduction		
Subtotal	-	-
Wagebill	91	91
Transfers:		
SNB Transfer	(1)	(1)
Total Increase (Decrease)	(1)	(1)
Total Increases (Decreases)	90	90
Gross Ordinary Budget	1,824	1,824
<i>Increase (decrease) over 2025-26 Budget (\$)</i>	90	90
<i>Increase (decrease) over 2025-26 Budget (%)</i>	5.2%	5.2%

The original attachment consisted of 35 pages. However, pursuant to s.16(1.1), all but one page of the document have been redacted and removed, as they were deemed out of scope.

From: [Davey, Katie \(PO/CPM\)](#)
To: [Robichaud, Julie C \(PO/CPM\)](#)
Subject: FW: Budget decisions
Date: Monday, March 9, 2026 8:44:24 AM
Attachments: [Ordinary Budget 2026-27 - Budget Decisions -final .pdf](#)
Sensitivity: Confidential

From: Davey, Katie (PO/CPM) <Katie.Davey@gnb.ca>
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 1:30 PM
To: Cameron, Drew (PO/CPM) <Drew.Cameron@gnb.ca>
Subject: Fw: Budget decisions

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From: McCann, Nick (FTB/FCT) <Nick.McCann@gnb.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 4:29:15 PM
To: Legacy, René Hon (FTB/FCT) <Rene.Legacy@gnb.ca>; Bergin, Travis (FTB/FCT) <Travis.Bergin@gnb.ca>; Dickinson, Joel (ECO/BCE) <Joel.Dickinson@gnb.ca>; Davey, Katie (PO/CPM) <Katie.Davey@gnb.ca>
Cc: Garnett, Patrick (FTB/FCT) <Patrick.Garnett@gnb.ca>
Subject: Budget decisions

Good afternoon,

Please find attached an updated budget decision file to reflect the updates **16(1.1)**

16(1.1)

- [Redacted]

Thanks
Nick

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