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Elaine Keenan Bengts
Nunavut Information and Privacy Commissioner
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Dear Ms. Keenan Bengts:

Re: Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act File Number: 1029-20
EDT1289

In accordance with section 36 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, I am writing in response to the Review Recommendation report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, dated July 23, 2012 received July 30, 2012.

After careful review and consideration of the information related to this review, I have chosen not to accept the recommendation for the disclosure of the *Nunavut-Manitoba All-Weather Road Business Case*.

The Nunavut-Manitoba Road All Weather Highway Project is governed by a 2010 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Manitoba and Nunavut. The MOU's jointly established work plan agrees to requiring approval from both cabinets prior to releasing the Report. Contrary to the findings of your June 15 report, I am confident that disclosure of the report outside of this established process would be harmful to our government's relationship with the Government of Manitoba.

It should be noted that the joint release date for the report has been set for October 5, 2012; the report is expected to be made publicly available at that time.

Sincerely,

Hon. Peter Taptuna
Minister of the Department of Economic Development & Transportation
Government of Nunavut

Cc. Robert Long, Deputy Minister, ED & T