



### **What We Do**

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is an impartial oversight body – like the Ombudsman or the Auditor General. Under Nova Scotia’s privacy laws, the Privacy Commissioner is responsible for investigating privacy complaints, hearing appeals of government decisions relating to access to information requests and providing public education sessions.

### **What We Do Not Do**

The Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner does not process access to information requests for government. We are not responsible for the FOIPOP database that is the subject of the recent privacy breach reports. That database is held by a government department – the Department of Internal Services. We do not have authority to lay criminal charges and we are not responsible for making decisions about the prosecution of criminal offences. We have publicly announced our investigation of government in relation to this privacy breach incident.

