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Annual Report to Parliament on the administration of the Access to Information Act

2015-2016

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Annual Report of the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada to Parliament on the administration of the Access to Information Act

APRIL 1, 2015 - MARCH 31, 2016

1. Introduction

The Access to Information Act was proclaimed on July 1, 1983. The purpose of the Access to Information Act is to provide Canadian citizens or permanent residents the right of access to information contained in government records subject to certain specific and limited exceptions.

As per section 72 (1) of the *Access to Information Act*, the head of every government institution is required to prepare an annual report on the administration of this *Act* within the institution during each fiscal year and table it to Parliament.

The Canadian Dairy Commission (CDC), a federal Crown corporation, plays a central facilitating role for the multi-billion dollar Canadian dairy industry. The CDC was established in 1966 with the proclamation of the *Canadian Dairy Commission Act* and reports to Parliament through the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. Funded by the federal government, producers and the marketplace, the CDC strives to balance and serve the interests of all dairy stakeholders - producers, processors, further processors, exporters, consumers and governments.

As per the Canadian Dairy Commission Act, the CDC's legislated objectives are:

- to provide efficient producers of milk and cream with the opportunity to obtain a fair return for their labour and investment; and
- to provide consumers of dairy products with a continuous and adequate supply of dairy products of high quality.

As a central facilitator for the Canadian dairy industry, the CDC works closely with industry stakeholders represented by organizations such as Dairy Farmers of Canada, Dairy Processors Association of Canada, Consumers' Association of Canada and provincial marketing boards and agencies.

The CDC also works in co-operation with further processors, represented by the Food and Consumer Products of Canada, the Baking Association of Canada, and the Confectionery Manufacturers Association of Canada.

2. Access to Information Office

At the CDC, the Corporate Secretary is responsible for administering all access to information and privacy requests. The Corporate Secretary reports to the Chief Executive Officer. Delegated signing authority for access to information requests is assigned to the Corporate Secretary.

The Corporate Secretary is responsible for coordinating and implementing ATIP related policies, guidelines and procedures at the CDC to ensure compliance with the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act* and for providing guidance on ATIP related matters and, when required, consulting with other federal and provincial government institutions.

3. Delegation Order

The CDC's Chief Executive Officer has delegated to the Corporate Secretary the authority to oversee the administration of the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act* for the CDC and to ensure compliance with the legislation. A copy of the approved Delegation order can be found in appendix A.

4. Multi-Year Statistical Trend Analysis

Over the past five (5) years, statistics show that exemption sections 20 and 21 were applied the most, being applied to each request received, followed by section 19. The other exemption sections were used only occasionally. More than half of the requests received in the last five (5) years were processed in less than 30 days. All requests were responded to within the mandatory deadline.

5. Statistical Report

A copy of the CDC's Statistical Report on the *Access to Information Act* for the reporting period of April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 can be found in appendix B.

- Statistics total number of requests: A total of 2 requests were received in 2015-2016 and none have been carried forward to next reporting period.
- Extensions and Consultations from Other Government Institutions: One (1) request lead to an interference with operations resulting in processing the request between 61-120 days.
- Exemptions Applied: The following exemptions were invoked: S. Art. 15(1) –
 International Affairs, S. Art. 16(2); S. Art. 16(2)(c), S. Art. 19(1), S. Art. 20(1)(b), S. Art. 21(1)(a), S. Art. 21(1)(b), S. Art. 21(1)(c), and S. Art. 23.
- Completion Time: One (1) request was completed between 16 to 30 days and the other one (1) request was completed in between 61-120 days.
- Fees: During this reporting period a total of \$10 was collected for applications fees.

6. Training

The Corporate Secretary attends from time to time ATIP community meetings hosted by Treasury Board Secretariat of Canada. No training activities were undertaken during the 2015-2016 reporting period.

7. Policies and Procedures

The CDC ATIP policy and procedure on responding to ATIP requests are available to all employees and are posted on the CDC's Intranet. No other policies, guidelines or procedures were implemented during 2015-2016.

8. Complaints and Investigations

No complaints or investigations to the Information Commissioner were received or submitted in 2015-2016.

9. Time Monitoring

For each request, the Corporate Secretary notes the search time and the classification level of each individual involved in responding to the request. Once the Corporate Secretary receives all the documentation, she keeps track of her time consulting staff members and reviewing the documents for applying exemptions. This information is kept for statistical purposes and is shared with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada ATIP office.

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May 6, 2015 DATE:

TO: **Danie Cousineau**

Corporate Secretary

Jacques Laforge FROM:

Chief Executive Officer

Access to Information Act and Privacy Act Delegation Order

The Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 73 of the Access to Information Act and section 73 of the Privacy Act hereby designates the Corporate Secretary to exercise the powers, duties and functions of the Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Dairy Commission.

This designation replaces all previous delegation orders.

Schedule Position	Access to Information Act and Regulations	Privacy Act and Regulations
Corporate Secretary	Full authority	Full authority

Dated, at the City of Office , this 6 day of May , 2015

Jacques Laforge Chief Executive Officer

Statistical Report on the Access to Information Act

Name of institution:	Canadian Dairy Commission

2016-03-31 Reporting period: 2015-04-01 to

Part 1: Requests Under the Access to Information Act

1.1 Number of requests

	Number of Requests
Received during reporting period	2
Outstanding from previous reporting period	0
Total	2
Closed during reporting period	2
Carried over to next reporting period	0

1.2 Sources of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Media	1
Academia	0
Business (private sector)	1
Organization	0
Public	0
Decline to Identify	0
Total	2

1.3 Informal requests

Completion Time									
1 to 15 16 to 30 31 to 60 61 to 120 121 to					181 to	More Than 365 Days	Total		
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		

Note: All requests previously recorded as "treated informally" will now be accounted for in this section only.



Part 2: Requests Closed During the Reporting Period

2.1 Disposition and completion time

	Completion Time									
Disposition of Requests	1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days		181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	Total		
All disclosed	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
No records exist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Request transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2		

2.2 Exemptions

16(1)(d)

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
13(1)(a)	0	16(2)	1	18(a)	0	20.1	0
13(1)(b)	0	16(2)(a)	0	18(b)	0	20.2	0
13(1)(c)	0	16(2)(b)	0	18(c)	0	20.4	0
13(1)(d)	0	16(2)(c)	2	18(d)	0	21(1)(a)	11
13(1)(e)	0	16(3)	0	18.1(1)(a)	0	21(1)(b)	1
14	0	16.1(1)(a)	0	18.1(1)(b)	0	21(1)(c)	1
14(a)	0	16.1(1)(b)	0	18.1(1)(c)	0	21(1)(d)	0
14(b)	1 0	16.1(1)(c)	0	18.1(1)(d)	0	22	0
15(1)	0	16.1(1)(d)	0	19(1)	2	22.1(1)	0
15(1) - I.A.*	1 1	16.2(1)	0	20(1)(a)	0	23	1
15(1) - Def.*	0	16.3	0	20(1)(b)	2	24(1)	0
15(1) - S.A.*	0	16.4(1)(a)	0	20(1)(b.1)	0	26	0
16(1)(a)(i)	0	16.4(1)(b)	0	20(1)(c)	0		
16(1)(a)(ii)	0	16.5	0	20(1)(d)	0		
16(1)(a)(iii)	1 0	17	0			_	
16(1)(b)	0						
16(1)(c)	0						

^{*} I.A.: International Affairs

Def.: Defence of Canada

S.A.: Subversive Activities

2.3 Exclusions

Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests	Section	Number of Requests
68(a)	1	69(1)	0	69(1)(g) re (a)	0
68(b)	0	69(1)(a)	0	69(1)(g) re (b)	0
68(c)	0	69(1)(b)	0	69(1)(g) re (c)	0
68.1	0	69(1)(c)	0	69(1)(g) re (d)	0
68.2(a)	0	69(1)(d)	0	69(1)(g) re (e)	0
68.2(b)	0	69(1)(e)	0	69(1)(g) re (f)	0
		69(1)(f)	0	69.1(1)	0

2.4 Format of information released

Disposition	Paper	Electronic	Other Formats
All disclosed	0	1	0
Disclosed in part	0	1	0
Total	0	2	0

2.5 Complexity

2.5.1 Relevant pages processed and disclosed

Disposition of Requests	Number of Pages Processed	Number of Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests
All disclosed	2	2	1
Disclosed in part	3062	3062	1
All exempted	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0

2.5.2 Relevant pages processed and disclosed by size of requests

	Less Tl Pages Pi	nan 100 rocessed	101-500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
Disposition	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
All disclosed	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3062	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor denied	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3062	0	0

2.5.3 Other complexities

Disposition	Consultation Required	Assessment of Fees	Legal Advice Sought	Other	Total
All disclosed	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0
Neither confirmed nor	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

2.6 Deemed refusals

2.6.1 Reasons for not meeting statutory deadline

V		Principa	l Reason	
Number of Requests Closed Past the Statutory Deadline	Workload	External Consultation	Internal Consultation	Other
0	0	0	0	0

2.6.2 Number of days past deadline

Number of Days Past Deadline	Number of Requests Past Deadline Where No Extension Was Taken	Number of Requests Past Deadline Where An Extension Was Taken	Total
1 to 15 days	0	0	0
16 to 30 days	0	0	0
31 to 60 days	0	0	0
61 to 120 days	0	0	0
121 to 180 days	0	0	0
181 to 365 days	0	0	0
More than 365 days	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

2.7 Requests for translation

Accepted	Refused	Total
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0
	Accepted 0 0 0	Accepted Refused 0 0 0 0 0 0

Part 3: Extensions

3.1 Reasons for extensions and disposition of requests

	9(1)(a)	9(1 Consu	9(1)(c)	
Disposition of Requests Where an Extension Was Taken	Interference With Operations	Section 69	Other	Third-Party Notice
All disclosed	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	1	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0
No records exist	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0

3.2 Length of extensions

	9(1)(a)	9(1) Consu	9(1)(c)	
Length of Extensions	Interference With Operations	Section 69	Other	Third-Party Notice
30 days or less	0	0	0	0
31 to 60 days	0	0	0	0
61 to 120 days	1	0	0	0
121 to 180 days	0	0	0	0
181 to 365 days	0	0	0	0
365 days or more	0	0	0	0
Total	1	0	0	0

Part 4: Fees

	Fee Co	llected	Fee Waived	or Refunded
Fee Type	Number of Requests	Amount	Number of Requests	Amount
Application	2	\$10	0	\$0
Search	0	\$0	0	\$0
Production	0	\$0	0	\$0
Programming	0	\$0	0	\$0
Preparation	0	\$0	0	\$0
Alternative format	0	\$0	0	\$0
Reproduction	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total	2	\$10	0	\$0

Part 5: Consultations Received From Other Institutions and Organizations

5.1 Consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions and organizations

Consultations	Other Government of Canada Institutions	Number of Pages to Review	Other Organizations	Number of Pages to Review
Received during reporting period	0	0	0	0
Outstanding from the previous reporting period	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0
Closed during the reporting period	0	0	0	0
Pending at the end of the reporting period	0	0	0	0

5.2 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other Government of Canada institutions

	Numb	er of Da	ys Requi	red to C	omplete	Consulta	tion Req	uests
Recommendation	1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days	121 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	Total
Disclose entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclose in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exempt entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exclude entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consult other institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

5.3 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other organizations

	Numb	er of Da	ys Requi	red to C	omplete (Consulta	tion Req	uests
Recommendation	1 to 15 Days	16 to 30 Days	31 to 60 Days	61 to 120 Days	121 to 180 Days	181 to 365 Days	More Than 365 Days	Total
Disclose entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclose in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exempt entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exclude entirely	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consult other institution	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part 6: Completion Time of Consultations on Cabinet Confidences

6.1 Requests with Legal Services

	Fewer T Pages Pr	han 100 ocessed		Pages essed	501-1000 1001-5000 More Than 5000 Pages Processed Pages Processed					
Number of Days	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
More than 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6.2 Requests with Privy Council Office

		han 100 ocessed		101–500 Pages Processed		501-1000 Pages Processed		1001-5000 Pages Processed		More Than 5000 Pages Processed	
Number of Days	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	Number of Requests	Pages Disclosed	
1 to 15	0	0	0	0	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	
16 to 30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
31 to 60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
61 to 120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
121 to 180	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
181 to 365	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
More than 365	Ō	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Part 7: Complaints and Investigations

Section 32	Section 35	Section 37	Total
0	0	0	0

Part 8: Court Action

Section 41	Section 42	Section 44	Total
0	0	0	0

Part 9: Resources Related to the Access to Information Act

9.1 Costs

Expenditures		Amount	
Salaries		\$4,600	
Overtime		\$0	
Goods and Services		\$0	
Professional services contracts	\$0		
• Other	\$0		
Total		\$4,600	

9.2 Human Resources

Resources	Person Years Dedicated to Access to Information Activities
Full-time employees	0.05
Part-time and casual employees	0.00
Regional staff	0.00
Consultants and agency personnel	0.00
Students	0.00
Total	0.05

Note: Enter values to two decimal places.