



THE STANDARDS COUNCIL OF CANADA
ANNUAL REPORT –2013-2014
ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

1. Introduction

The *Access to Information Act* gives Canadian citizens, permanent residents, or any person or corporation present in Canada a right to access information that is contained in government records.¹ As a federal Crown corporation, the Standards Council of Canada (SCC)'s policy endeavours to fully comply with both the spirit and letter of any legislation which may govern the release of specific information. SCC's policy is also to make every reasonable effort to help the requester, without regard to their identity, to receive complete, accurate and timely information and to reply to requests for information in either of Canada's official language.

Standards Council of Canada's Mandate

The mandate of the Standards Council of Canada is to promote efficient and effective voluntary standardization in Canada, where standardization is not expressly provided for by law and, in particular, to:

- a) promote the participation of Canadians in voluntary standards activities,
- b) promote public-private sector cooperation in relation to voluntary standardization in Canada,
- c) coordinate and oversee the efforts of the persons and organizations involved in the National Standards System,
- d) foster quality, performance and technological innovation in Canadian goods and services through standards-related activities, and
- e) develop standards-related strategies and long-term objectives, in order to

advance the national economy; support sustainable development; benefit the health; safety and welfare of workers and the public; assist and protect consumers; facilitate domestic and international trade and further international cooperation in relation to standardization.²

2. Organization of Access to Information Act Activities

The role of the Access to Information and Privacy (ATIP) Coordinator is currently performed on a part-time basis due to the minimal number of requests received to date. Any requests for formal access are directed to the ATIP Coordinator who is responsible for implementing the search for retrieval and disclosure of the requested information.

3. Delegation Authority

The following official, by title, is responsible for the implementation of the *Access to Information Act*. Corporate Planner (see appendices for delegation authority).

¹ *Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat 2010*

² Subsection 4.(1), *Standards Council of Canada Act*, R.S.C. 1970, c. 41 (1st Supp.), amended 1996, c. 24



4. Statistical Report

For the period April 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014 the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) received four requests for formal access. Two of these requests fell within the timeframe of 15 days and under, and SCC provided full disclosure. No records existed for the 2 other requests.

5. Access to Information Training

As the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) has historically only ever received an overall total of 55 formal Access to Information requests, the impact of the *Access to Information Act* has, in past years, has been minimal.

The current ATIP coordinator has taken a number of Treasury Board training courses related to various sections of the *Access to Information Act*. No formal training, however, was undertaken during the reporting period.

6. New and/or revised institution-specific access to information related policies

The Standards Council of Canada did not implement any new or revised access to information related policies during the reporting period. As part of SCC's commitment to continual improvement, SCC provides support for its major programs and services and corporate functions through a quality management system (QMS). SCC's quality management system includes a quality document on handling of access to information and privacy requests. This document was reviewed in 2013-2014 to ensure that it was up-to-date with new Treasury Board Secretariat (TBS) policies and directives. As a result of this review, SCC did not implement any new/or revised changes to its QMS document. SCC's own policies regarding the *Access to Information* and *Privacy Acts* are in compliance with the directives from TBS, such as: the duty to assist and specific responsibilities imposed upon government institutions.

7. Key Issues

No complaints or investigations were launched during 2013-2014.



Statistical Report on the Access to Information Act

Name of institution: Standards Council of Canada

Reporting period: 2013-04-01 to 2014-03-31

PART 1 – Requests under the Access to Information Act

1.1 Number of Requests

	Number of Requests
Received during reporting period	4
Outstanding from previous reporting period	1
Total	5
Closed during reporting period	5
Carried over to next reporting period	0

1.2 Sources of requests

Source	Number of Requests
Media	0
Academia	0
Business (Private Sector)	4
Organization	0
Public	0
Total	4

PART 2 – Requests closed during the reporting period

2.1 Disposition and completion time

Disposition of requests	Completion Time							Total
	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	
All disclosed	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No records exist	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Request transferred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Treated informally	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5

2.2 Exemptions

Section	Number of requests	Section	Number of requests	Section	Number of requests	Section	Number of requests
13(1)(a)	0	16(2)(a)	0	18(a)	0	20.1	0
13(1)(b)	0	16(2)(b)	0	18(b)	0	20.2	0
13(1)(c)	0	16(2)(c)	0	18(c)	0	20.4	0
13(1)(d)	0	16(3)	0	18(d)	0	21(1)(a)	0
13(1)(e)	0	16.1(1)(a)	0	18.1(1)(a)	0	21(1)(b)	0
14(a)	0	16.1(1)(b)	0	18.1(1)(b)	0	21(1)(c)	0
14(b)	0	16.1(1)(c)	0	18.1(1)(c)	0	21(1)(d)	0
15(1) - I.A.*	0	16.1(1)(d)	0	18.1(1)(d)	0	22	0
15(1) - Def.*	0	16.2(1)	0	19(1)	0	22.1(1)	0
15(1) - S.A.*	0	16.3	0	20(1)(a)	0	23	0
16(1)(a)(i)	0	16.4(1)(a)	0	20(1)(b)	0	24(1)	0
16(1)(a)(ii)	0	16.4(1)(b)	0	20(1)(b.1)	0	26	0
16(1)(a)(iii)	0	16.5	0	20(1)(c)	0		
16(1)(b)	0	17	0	20(1)(d)	0		
16(1)(c)	0						
16(1)(d)	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)	0	69(1)(a)	0	69(1)(g) re (a)	0
68(b)	0	69(1)(b)	0	69(1)(g) re (b)	0
68(c)	0	69(1)(c)	0	69(1)(g) re (c)	0
68.1	0	69(1)(d)	0	69(1)(g) re (d)	0
68.2(a)	0	69(1)(e)	0	69(1)(g) re (e)	0
68.2(b)	0	69(1)(f)	0	69(1)(g) re (f)	0
				69.1(1)	0

2.4 Format of information released

Disposition	Paper	Electronic	Other formats
All disclosed	0	2	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	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	2
Disclosed in part	0	0	0
All exempted	0	0	0
All excluded	0	0	0
Request abandoned	0	0	0

2.5.2 Relevant pages processed and disclosed by size of requests

Disposition	Less than 100 pages processed		101-500 pages processed		501-1000 pages processed		1001-5000 pages processed		More than 5000 pages processed	
	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	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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
Abandoned	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	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
Abandoned	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0

2.6 Deemed refusals

2.6.1 Reasons for not meeting statutory deadline

Number of requests closed past the statutory deadline	Principal Reason			
	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

Translation Requests	Accepted	Refused	Total
English to French	0	0	0
French to English	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

PART 3 – Extensions

3.1 Reasons for extensions and disposition of requests

Disposition of requests where an extension was taken	9(1)(a) Interference with operations	9(1)(b) Consultation		9(1)(c) Third party notice
		Section 69	Other	
All disclosed	0	0	0	0
Disclosed in part	0	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	0	0	0	0

3.2 Length of extensions

Length of extensions	9(1)(a) Interference with operations	9(1)(b) Consultation		9(1)(c) Third party notice
		Section 69	Other	
30 days or less	0	0	0	0
31 to 60 days	0	0	0	0
61 to 120 days	0	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	0	0	0	0

PART 4 – Fees

Fee Type	Fee Collected		Fee Waived or Refunded	
	Number of requests	Amount	Number of requests	Amount
Application	4	\$20	1	\$5
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	4	\$20	1	\$5

PART 5 – Consultations received from other institutions and organizations

5.1 Consultations received from other government institutions and organizations

Consultations	Other government institutions	Number of pages to review	Other organizations	Number of pages to review
Received during reporting period	12	2818	0	0
Outstanding from the previous reporting period	0	0	0	0
Total	12	2818	0	0
Closed during the reporting period	12	0	0	0
Pending at the end of the reporting period	0	2818	0	0

5.2 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other government institutions

Recommendation	Number of days required to complete consultation requests							Total
	1 to 15 days	16 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 120 days	121 to 180 days	181 to 365 days	than 365 days	
Disclose entirely	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Disclose in part	3	2	4	1	0	0	0	10
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	4	2	5	1	0	0	0	12

5.3 Recommendations and completion time for consultations received from other organizations

Recommendation	Number of days required to complete consultation requests							Total
	1 to 15 days	16 to 30 days	31 to 60 days	61 to 120 days	121 to 180 days	181 to 365 days	than 365 days	
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

Number of days	Number of responses received	Number of responses received past deadline
1 to 15	0	0
16 to 30	0	0
31 to 60	0	0
61 to 120	0	0
121 to 180	0	0
181 to 365	0	0
More than 365	0	0
Total	0	0

PART 7 – Resources related to the Access to Information Act

7.1 Costs

Expenditures	Amount
Salaries	\$350
Overtime	\$0
Goods and Services	\$18,419
• Professional services contracts	\$18,419
• Other	\$0
Total	\$18,769

7.2 Human Resources

Resources	Dedicated full-time to ATI activities	Dedicated part-time to ATI activities	Total
Full-time employees	0.00	0.01	0.01
Part-time and casual employees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Regional staff	0.00	0.00	0.00
Consultants and agency personnel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Students	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.00	0.01	0.01