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Mr. Dennis R. YOUNG  
1330 Ravenswood Drive South East  
Airdrie, Alberta T4A 0P8

Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on April 11, 2017, to obtain:

*Please provide copies of records showing the actual evidence amassed by the government since firearms were categorized as unrestricted, restricted and prohibited proving:*

- 1. How much greater the risk to public safety is when restricted and prohibited firearms are in the hands of law-abiding, government certified, RCMP approved, continuously CPIC monitored firearms owners.*
- 2. How much greater the risk to public safety is when restricted or prohibited firearms have different barrel lengths, types of action, makes and models when these firearms are in the hands of law abiding, government certified, RCMP approved continuously CPIC monitored firearms owners.*
- 3. How much greater the risk to public safety is when restricted and prohibited firearms are being transported by law abiding, government certified, RCMP approved continuously CPIC monitored firearms owners.*
- 4. How much less of the risks to public safety are by limiting the capacity of magazines in the hands of law abiding, government certified and approved continuously CPIC monitored firearms owners.*

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Ottawa, Ontario. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate records which respond to your request. However, it is possible that Public Safety Canada may have the information that you are seeking. Therefore, if you are still seeking this information, we are recommending that you make a request directly to their office at the following address:

Public Safety Canada  
Jennifer Schofield  
Access to Information and Privacy Coordinator  
269 Laurier Avenue West, 11th Floor  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0P8  
Telephone: 613-949-1676  
Facsimile: 613-954-5167  
atip-airp@ps-sp.gc.ca

Please be advised that you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days after the day that you become aware that grounds for a complaint exist. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada  
30 Victoria Street, 7th Floor  
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Mr. Patrick Cost at [Patrick.Cost@rcmp-grc.gc.ca](mailto:Patrick.Cost@rcmp-grc.gc.ca). Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,



Patrick Cost  
Access to Information and Privacy Branch  
Mailstop #61  
73 Leikin Drive  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

# ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

## Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 158

### Federal Government Institution:

**RCMP OTTAWA HQ - CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM**

### Details regarding the information being sought:

Reference is being made to the following statements made in a letter signed by former Public Safety Minister dated January 15, 2013 (copy attached):

<http://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Vic-Toews-Letter-on-Reclassification-January-15-2013.pdf>

- (1) "...classifications are based on risk to public safety."
- (2) "Some firearms are classified on the basis of their physical characteristics, such as barrel length or type of action; others are specified by make and model in the Criminal Code and its supporting regulations."
- (3) "Due to the risk to public safety, some firearms may only be transported for purposes such as..."
- (4) "...regulations made under the Criminal Code limit the capacity of certain firearms magazines in order to make them safer by reducing the number of shots that can be fired in quick succession."

Reference is also being made to the following statements from the Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Safety stating their commitment to 'evidence-based' policy making and gun control laws.

#### **MINISTER GOODALE REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO 'EVIDENCE-BASED' GUN CONTROL POLICIES**

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2016/02/13/minister-goodale-reaffirms-commitment-to-evidence-based-gun-control-policies/>

#### **TRUDEAU GOVERNMENT MAKES MORE COMMITMENTS TO "EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING"**

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2015/11/06/trudeau-government-makes-more-commitments-to-evidence-based-policy-making/>

#### **JUSTIN TRUDEAU'S SUPPORT FOR 'EVIDENCE-BASED' GUN CONTROL LAWS**

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2015/10/31/justin-trudeaus-support-for-evidence-based-gun-control-laws/>

Please provide copies of records showing the actual "evidence" amassed by the government since firearms were categorized as unrestricted, restricted and prohibited proving:

- (1) How much greater the 'risk to public safety' is when restricted and prohibited firearms are in the hands of law-abiding, government certified, RCMP approved, continuously CPIC monitored firearms owners.
- (2) How much greater the "risk to public safety" is when restricted or prohibited firearms have different barrel lengths, types of action, makes and models when these firearms are in the hands of law-abiding, government certified, RCMP approved continuously CPIC monitored firearms owners.
- (3) How much greater the 'risk to public safety' is when restricted and prohibited firearms are being transported by law-abiding, government certified, RCMP approved continuously CPIC monitored firearms owners.
- (4) How much less of the "risks to public safety" are by limiting the capacity of magazines in the hands of law-abiding, government certified and approved continuously CPIC monitored firearms owners.

Method of access preferred: ☐ Receive copies of originals ☐ Examine originals in government offices

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This request for access to information under the Access to Information Act is being made by:

- ☐ a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or another individual present in Canada, or  
☐ a corporation present in Canada

Cheque # 485

[Original signed by]

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dennis R. Young

Date: April 3, 2017



Minister of Public Safety



Ministre de la Sécurité publique

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0P8

JAN 15 2013

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Dear Mr. McClure:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 10, 2012, concerning prohibited firearms and maximum magazine capacity. I apologize for the delay in responding.

In Canada, all firearms are classified as non-restricted, restricted, or prohibited pursuant to the criteria outlined in subsection 84(1) of the *Criminal Code*. Responsibility for the *Criminal Code* and corresponding regulations falls under the purview of the Minister of Justice, but I can generally comment that the classifications are based on risk to public safety. Prohibited firearms are usually fully automatic or small concealable handguns and, as such, present a higher risk than restricted firearms.

Some firearms are classified on the basis of their physical characteristics, such as barrel length or type of action; others are specified by make and model in the *Criminal Code* and its supporting regulations.

Owners of restricted and prohibited firearms may only possess these firearms at their dwelling house, or a location that has been approved by the Chief Firearms Officer (CFO) of their province. As per section 17 of the *Firearms Act* and the *Authorization to Transport Restricted Firearms and Prohibited Firearms Regulations*, owners are required to have an ATT issued by the CFO in order to transport restricted or prohibited firearms from one location to another. Due to the risk to public safety, some firearms may only be transported for purposes such as a change of residence, a change of ownership, export, repair, participation in a gun show, or lawful disposal.

With respect to maximum magazine capacity, regulations made under the *Criminal Code* limit the capacity of certain firearm magazines in order to make them safer by reducing the number of shots that can be fired in quick succession. As set out in the regulations, the limit is based on the type of firearm the magazine was designed for. In most cases, the maximum capacity is five cartridges for a magazine designed for a semi-automatic, centre-fire long gun, and 10 cartridges for a magazine designed for a handgun.

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