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Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on June 9, 2017, to obtain:

May 1996 to present please provide copies of records, reports, analyses, presentations, evaluations, audits, studies, entries for the Minister's Briefing Books, spreadsheets, statistics, etc showing how many crimes, in total, have been solved using the Restricted Weapon Registration System (RWRS) and its replacement the Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS) database.

Additionally, please provide copies of records (similar to the ones listed above) showing 'evidence' that proves the effectiveness of the (RWRS) and the CFIS at:

- 1 keeping handguns and restricted firearms out of the hands of criminals,*
- 2 keeping prohibited firearms out of the hands of criminals,*
- 3 reducing violent crime,*
- 4 improving public safety and*
- 5 improving police officer safety.*

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Canadian Firearms Program. Unfortunately, we were unable to locate records which respond to your request.

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
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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Patrick Fox at 613-843-6958 or Patrick.Fox@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

Celine Paugon

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 174

Federal Government Institution:

RCMP OTTAWA HQ – CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM

Details regarding the information being sought:

Reference is being to Solicitor General Herb Gray's response to MP Garry Breitkreuz's written question in Parliament in May of 1996: "Since 1934, how many crimes, in total, have been solved using the RCMP's Restricted Weapon Registration System?" Answering on behalf of the Government, **Solicitor General Herb Gray, stated: "The statistics requested respecting the number of crimes that have been solved by tracing the firearm back to the registered owner are not kept at this time and are therefore not available."** <http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/breitkreuzgpress/guns60.html>

For the period from May 1996 to present, please provide copies of records, reports, analyses, presentations, evaluations, audits, studies, briefing notes, entries for the Minister's Briefing Books, spreadsheets, statistics, etc, etc showing how many crimes, in total, have been solved using the *Restricted Weapon Registration System (RWRS)* and its replacement the *Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS)* database.

Additionally, please provide copies of records (similar to the ones listed above) showing 'evidence' that proves the effectiveness of the RWRS and the CFIS at:

- (1) keeping handguns and restricted firearms out of the hands of criminals,
- (2) keeping prohibited firearms out of the hands of criminals,
- (3) reducing violent crime,
- (4) improving public safety and
- (5) improving police officer safety.

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 # 554

Signature: _____
[Original signed by]
Dennis R. Young

Date: June 3, 2017

RCMP DON'T KNOW IF THE HANDGUN REGISTRATION SYSTEM HAS SOLVED EVEN ONE CRIME!

"The Liberals spend \$1 million a year and they don't know if it's cost-effective," revealed Breitkreuz.

Ottawa - Today, Garry Breitkreuz, MP for Yorkton-Melville, made available the Liberal government's response to his written question which asked, *"Since 1934, how many crimes, in total, have been solved using the RCMP's Restricted Weapon Registration System?"* Answering on behalf of the Government, Solicitor General Herb Gray, stated: *"The statistics requested respecting the number of crimes that have been solved by tracing the firearm back to the registered owner are not kept at this time and are therefore not available."*

"Surely, the purpose of registering handguns and other restricted firearms is to solve crime by tracing the firearms back to the registered owner," asked Breitkreuz. "And, the RCMP doesn't even keep these statistics?" This is just one more piece of evidence proving that Auditor General Denis Desautels was right-on when he criticized the government in his 1993 report which said: *"Our review of the new regulations indicated that important data, needed to assess the potential benefits and future effectiveness of the [gun control] regulations, were not available at the time the regulations were drafted. The government proceeded with new regulations for reasons of public policy." The Auditor General went on to make the following recommendation, "We believe it is essential that the Department of Justice evaluate the effectiveness of the [gun control] program again. Members of Parliament and the Canadian public need to know whether the means the government has chosen to achieve the program's objectives are working."*

The lack of evidence that registering firearms serves any useful purpose was also shared by Ontario Solicitor General, Bob Runciman, during his appearance before the Senate Committee on Legal Affairs last fall when he pointed out that the handgun registration system *"does little to limit the use of handguns by criminals."* **"The main point that is missed by most pro-registration, anti-gun lobbyists is: If you have \$500 million, and your objective is to save lives and provide for the safety of our citizens, how would you spend it? According to the Ontario Solicitor General, you could put 5,900 more police officers on our streets, you could establish a network of women's crisis centres and other support services to strengthen our families, or alternatively, you could provide much needed support for health services,"** said Breitkreuz.

"All laws, and especially gun control laws, have to be cost-effective. In the next few weeks, I will be re-introducing my Firearms Law Sunset Act which would automatically repeal gun control laws after five years unless the Auditor General has determined that the legislation has successfully increased public safety and reduced violent crime involving the use of firearms," reported Breitkreuz. "My bill removes any doubt about the claims that the Liberal government's real plan is to eventually confiscate all firearms. If my bill becomes law, only those gun control measures that improve public safety, reduce violent crime and save lives would remain on the books."

"People want security, and the government's inability to produce any evidence clearly shows that gun registration does not provide security -- it only gives the impression that it does. Old-line politicians are masters at creating impressions with very little substance to back it up."

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