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Mr. Dennis R. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

This is further to your request under the *Access to Information Act* for:

“Please provide copies of records, reports, evaluations, studies, statistics, audits, surveys, presentations, briefing notes, submissions to the Minister showing the actual "evidence" amassed by the government since firearms were categorized as unrestricted, restricted and prohibited proving the validity of the four statements made by Public Safety Minister Toews in his letter dated January 13, 2013”

A thorough search was conducted and Public Safety Canada was unable to locate any records responding to your request.

Please be advised that you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within sixty days of the receipt of this notice. 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
Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3

Should you require additional information, please contact Barbara Haase, the analyst responsible for the processing of your request, at 613-949-1672.

Sincerely,

André Chartrand
Manager, Access to Information and Privacy

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ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 173

Federal Government Institution:

PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA

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 Department's "unable to locate any records" response dated May 24, 2017 to my previous ATIP request (Public Safety ATIP File: A-2017-00059/BH)

<http://dennisryoung.ca/2017/05/30/no-evidence-of-effectiveness-of-the-firearms-classification-system/>

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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 # 553

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

Date: May 31, 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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