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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 March 15, 2017, to obtain:

*Reference is being made to the Statistics for the National DNA Data Bank - Issued:*

*February 28, 2017 <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/nddb-bndg/stats-eng.htm>*

*Reference is also being made to the Public Safety Minister's response to Order Paper Question Q-53 on January 17, 2005*

*<http://www.cssa-cila.org/garryb/publications/Article529.htm>*

*Please provide copies of records, reports, publications, spreadsheets, communications, e-mails, briefing notes, presentations, etc showing the DNA processing backlogs that existed on February 28, 2017 and for the date one year earlier including:*

- (1) The total number of DNA 'Offender Hits' service requests in processing and unopened;*
- (2) The total number of DNA 'Forensic Hits' service requests in processing and unopened;*
- (3) The number of DNA 'Offender Hits' service requests in processing and unopened for each of the following offences: Murder, Sexual Assault, Attempted Murder, Armed Robbery, B&E, and Assault; and*
- (4) The number of DNA 'Forensic Hits' service requests in processing and unopened for each of the following offences: Murder, Sexual Assault, Attempted Murder, Armed Robbery, B&E, and Assault.*

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted in Ottawa, Ontario. Enclosed is a copy of all the information to which you are entitled. Please note that some of the information has been exempted pursuant to paragraph 13(1)(c) of the *Act*, a description of which can be found at: <http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1>.

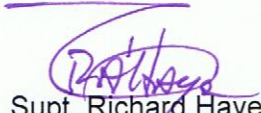
Please be advised that you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within 60 days after the day that you become aware that grounds for a complaint exist. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint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

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

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

Regards,



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Based on the request and the reference documents noted, it would appear that the ATIP requester may be confusing the role and operations of the National Forensic Laboratory Services with the National DNA Data Bank (NDDB). The reference to the Public Safety Minister's response to Order Paper Question Q -53 on January 17, 2005 relates to operational forensic casework backlogs and the National Forensic Laboratory Services and does not involve the NDDB.

Convicted Offender Samples Received (Table 1):



The NDDB does not have an operational backlog. It receives between 500 and 700 convicted offender samples on a weekly basis. All eligible convicted offender samples are processed by the NDDB within 14 days of receipt. In order to achieve an effective cost efficient processing system, a 14 day processing cycle is used to ensure that full sample plates composed of 84 samples each, can be processed simultaneously using an automated system. Urgent samples can be specifically selected and processed within 24-48 hours if the NDDB is notified in advance. In order to clarify the processing schedule, the following information is provided. As noted in Table 1, 66 convicted offender samples were received on February 28, 2017 and 125 samples on February 29, 2016. Given that February 28, 2016 was a Sunday, February 29, 2016 was chosen as it includes a summary of the hits received. Unless notified in advance that there was an urgent request to process specific samples, all 66 samples received on February 28, 2017 and all 125 samples received on February 29, 2016 were processed within 14 days of receipt. The specific dispositions of the designated offences for these convicted samples are noted in Table 1.

NDDB Hits Service Requests (Table 2):

The NDDB processes all offender and forensic hit notifications on the same day they are made by the NDDB. The attached Table 2 indicates the number of DNA offender hits and forensic hits made on February 29, 2016 and on February 28, 2017. Specifically all forensic and offender hits made on February 28, 2017 and February 29, 2017 were processed and the notifications made without delay, on the same day.

The NDDB reports a combined summary of investigations assisted on a bimonthly basis and does not track each of the specific cases assisted on a daily basis since the nature and status of such assistance may change as an investigation matures. This information is available through the Statistics for the National DNA Data Bank website referenced by the requester. To address the request for statistics as of February 28, 2017, please find the information that was posted for that date attached.

**Table 1. COI Samples Received**

	2016-02-29*	2017-02-28
COI samples received	125	66
<b>Offences:</b>		
Murder	3	1
Sex. Assaults	11	4
Att. Murder	1	0
Robbery	7	0
B&E	24	10
Assaults	56	31
Other	23	20

\*Feb 28, 2016 was a Sunday -hits are tabulated on the next working day and include weekend

**Table 2. NDDB Hits Service Requests**

	Feb. 29, 2016*	Feb. 28, 2017
Offender to Forensic Hits	44	16
Forensic to Forensic Hits	13	0

\*Feb 28, 2016 was a Sunday -hits are tabulated on the next working day and include weekend

# ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

## Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 147

Federal Government Institution:

**RCMP HQ OTTAWA & NATIONAL DNA DATA BANK**

Details regarding the information being sought:

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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

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Original signed by]  
Dennis R. Young

Date: March 8, 2017