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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 May 15, 2018, to obtain:

Reference is being made to the RCMP response to ATIP File: A-2015-04273 with six tables showing the number of firearms seized by police for each year from 2008 to 2014 and part of 2015 (copy of the five-page response attached and provided in the link below).

Please provide updated statistical tables adding data for the complete years 2015, 2016 and 2017 to the six tables that were provided in the previous ATIP response noted above showing:

Table 1 - the total number of firearms seized by the RCMP for all of Canada and for each province and territory;

Table 2 - the total number of seized firearms that were actually used in crimes investigated by the RCMP;

Table 3 - the total number of firearms turned in voluntarily to RCMP;

Table 4 - the number of firearms seized by the RCMP that were non-restricted, restricted and prohibited;

Table 5 - the number of firearms seized by the RCMP that were handguns, long guns, sawn-offs and machine guns; and,

Table 6 - Comparable statistics

Based on the information provided, a search for records was conducted. Enclosed is a copy of all the information relevant to your request, which are disclosed in their entirety. Please note, information provided by Public Agencies does not include whether or not a firearm was used to commit an offence, only that it was seized as part of a criminal investigation

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 Ms. Laura Kealey at 613-843-3376 or laura.kealey@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

 
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NOTE: All statistics are for the calendar years, 2015, 2016, 2017

(1) The number of firearms seized by the RCMP for all of Canada and for each province and territory

The following table contains data for only the three RCMP police types (federal, provincial and municipal) only.

RCMP Seized FA by Province		Year			Grand Total
Province		2015	2016	2017	
Alberta		1857	1710	1546	5113
British Columbia		4074	3840	3575	11489
Manitoba		541	630	516	1687
New Brunswick		410	783	555	1748
Newfoundland and Labrador		64	41	98	203
Northwest Territories		27	17	66	110
Nova Scotia		669	644	709	2022
Nunavut		8	4	1	13
Ontario		23	235	25	283
Prince Edward Island		1	67	42	110
Quebec		24	19	57	100
Saskatchewan		182	275	258	715
Yukon		10	13	14	37
Grand Total		7890	8278	7462	23630

(2) Total number of RCMP (only) seized firearms that were recorded as "Seized - Criminal Investigation".

Note: Two new "Seized" data codes were introduced on January 28, 2015, that specifically identifies firearms that a Public Agency records as being seized as a result of a Criminal Investigation or for Public Safety. The table below reports only on firearms seized by the RCMP that have been recorded as "Seized - Criminal Investigation".

RCMP Seized-Criminal Investigation FA by Province		Year			Grand Total
Province		2015	2016	2017	
Alberta		1458	1432	1307	4197
British Columbia		2300	2561	2532	7393
Manitoba		409	452	411	1272
New Brunswick		274	722	528	1524
Newfoundland and Labrador		49	24	79	152
Northwest Territories		26	16	40	82
Nova Scotia		528	545	532	1605
Nunavut		4	4	1	9
Ontario		1	234	20	255
Prince Edward Island		1	54	23	78
Quebec		24	15	57	96
Saskatchewan		106	211	215	532
Yukon		8	6	8	22
Grand Total		5188	6276	5753	17217

(3) Total number of firearms recorded as Surrendered to the RCMP;

This table shows the number of firearms that were recorded by the RCMP under the *PAFR* as having been surrendered to protected custody (Cf. paragraph 10(1)(c) of the Regulations). Data do not include firearms turned in to police voluntarily for a temporary safekeeping purposes.

Surrendered FA to RCMP Province	Year			Grand Total
	2015	2016	2017	
Alberta	209	298	224	731
British Columbia	674	1482	810	2966
Manitoba	62	81	91	234
New Brunswick	155	111	104	370
Newfoundland and Labrador	5	5	18	28
Northwest Territories	7	6	21	34
Nova Scotia	361	454	356	1171
Ontario	32	16	10	58
Prince Edward Island	6	12	43	61
Quebec	8	13	1	22
Saskatchewan	9	22	22	53
Yukon	3	7	0	10
Grand Total	1531	2507	1700	5738

(4) The number of firearms seized by the RCMP that were non-restricted, restricted and prohibited

The number of RCMP seized firearms by classification.

RCMP Seized FA by Classification		Classification			Grand Total
Year		Non-restricted	Prohibited	Restricted	
2015		6515	340	1035	7890
2016		6714	416	1148	8278
2017		6134	363	965	7462
Grand Total		19363	1119	3148	23630

(5) The number of firearms seized by the RCMP that were handguns, long guns, sawn-offs and machine guns

RCMP seized firearms by Firearm Type

RCMP Seized FA by Type		Year			Grand Total
Type		2015	2016	2017	
Combination Gun		27	31	37	95
Commercial Version		11	20	17	48
Grenade Launcher		1	1	0	2
Handgun		1181	1323	1123	3627
Machine Gun		2	4	3	9
Other		5	6	1	12
Rifle		4697	4823	4366	13886
Shotgun		1958	2058	1901	5917
Submachine Gun		8	12	14	34
Grand Total		7890	8278	7462	23630

(6) Any comparable statistics the RCMP holds with respect to firearms seized by other police services in Canada for each province and territory

The table below provides statistics on all seized firearms by all Non RCMP Public Agencies. The methodology to generate the following statistics are the same as Question 1 (above) except all seized firearms associated with the three RCMP police types (federal, provincial and municipal) are not included.

Non RCMP Agencies Seized FA by Province		Year			Grand Total
Province	2015	2016	2017		
Alberta	1808	1557	2801	6166	
British Columbia	832	657	872	2361	
Manitoba	423	231	289	943	
New Brunswick	156	150	256	562	
Newfoundland and Labrador	77	239	125	441	
Nova Scotia	337	308	312	957	
Ontario	6448	6194	5981	18623	
Prince Edward Island	2	113	8	123	
Quebec	7079	6831	6926	20836	
Saskatchewan	577	597	432	1606	
Yukon	9	3	6	18	
Grand Total	17748	16880	18008	52636	

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 198

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RCMP - OTTAWA & CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM

Details regarding the information being sought:

Reference is being made to the RCMP response to ATIP File: A-2015-04273 with six tables showing the number of firearms seized by police for each year from 2008 to 2014 and part of 2015 (copy of the five-page response attached and provided in the link below)

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/RCMP-ATIP-Response-Seized-Firearms-by-Province-2008-2015.pdf>

Please provide updated statistical tables adding data for the complete years 2015, 2016 and 2017 to the six Tables that were provided in the previous ATIP response noted above showing:

Table 1 - the total number of firearms seized by the RCMP for all of Canada and for each province and territory;

Table 2 - the total number of seized firearms that were actually used in crimes investigated by the RCMP;

Table 3 - the total number of firearms turned in voluntarily to RCMP;

Table 4 - the number of firearms seized by the RCMP that were non-restricted, restricted and prohibited;

Table 5 - the number of firearms seized by the RCMP that were handguns, long guns, sawn-offs and machine guns; and,

Table 6 - Comparable statistics the RCMP holds with respect to firearms seized by other police services in Canada for each province and territory.

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: May 8, 2018



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*Received
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[Signature]*

Dear Mr. YOUNG:

This is in response to your request under the *Access to Information Act*, which was received by this office on May 25, 2015, for:

For each of the most recent ten years for which data is available, please provide statistics related to seized firearms.

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 be advised that you have the right 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 must be made in writing to:

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Should you wish to discuss this matter further, you may contact Ms. Amy Cruickshank at 613-843-6843 or amy.cruickshank@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

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Proposed response to Access to Information Act request A-2015-04273 / F146

It is important to note that *Public Agents Firearms Regulations* provisions requiring Public Agencies to record the protected firearms that come into their possession came into force on October 31, 2008. As well, Public Agencies had until October 31, 2009 to record the firearms in their inventory to the Registrar. Data on seized firearms are not available before the coming into force of the PAFR. The above 'lead-in' or 'ramp-up' dates also explain some of the variation in the initial years (2008 and 2009) when the Regulations were coming into force.

(1) number of firearms seized by the RCMP for all of Canada and for each province and territory

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	Grand Total
Alberta	110	2,164	2,132	2,585	1,719	1,430	1,587	583	12,310
British Columbia	123	4,444	4,856	5,057	3,984	4,818	3,835	1,777	28,894
Manitoba	6	760	845	702	556	426	455	243	3,993
New Brunswick	9	668	808	950	601	460	485	223	4,204
Newfoundland and Labrador	1	151	259	240	201	71	90	28	1,041
Northwest Territories	1	21	64	91	20	6	31	8	242
Nova Scotia	33	1,031	1,203	1,065	829	859	799	311	6,130
Nunavut	2	143	139	116	35	36	33	7	511
Ontario	2	24	40	59	96	162	70	6	459
Prince Edward Island		16	8	2	3		8		37
Quebec		80	1,146	364	28	46	73	16	1,753
Saskatchewan	66	367	378	397	308	233	208	101	2,058
Yukon	1	49	16	102	88	78	60	2	396
Grand Total	354	9,918	11,894	11,730	8,468	8,625	7,734	3,305	62,028

* as of June 10, 2015.

(2) total number of seized firearms that were actually used in crimes investigated by the RCMP;

	2015*
Alberta	348
British Columbia	848
Manitoba	156
New Brunswick	125
Newfoundland and Labrador	19
Northwest Territories	8
Nova Scotia	204
Nunavut	3
Quebec	16
Saskatchewan	51
Yukon	
Grand Total	1,778

* firearms seized by RCMP for a criminal purpose between January 28, 2015, and June 10, 2015.

(3) the total number of firearms turned in voluntarily to RCMP;

This table shows the number of firearms that were recorded by the RCMP under the *PAFR* as having been surrendered to protected custody (Cf. paragraph 10(1)(c) of the Regulations). Data do not include firearms turned in to police voluntarily for a temporary safekeeping purposes.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	Grand Total
Alberta	12	254	513	389	220	221	190	96	1,895
British Columbia	20	742	1,057	951	667	1,145	414	305	5,301
Manitoba		76	229	121	56	66	71	22	641
New Brunswick	2	124	170	171	165	140	107	45	924
Newfoundland and Labrador	2	23	46	50	27	19	6		173
Northwest Territories		19	2	10	6		1		38
Nova Scotia	3	197	598	198	189	194	156	103	1,638
Nunavut		7	7	10	4		2		30
Ontario	13	22	51	8	96	34	192	21	437
Prince Edward Island				2	5	1			8
Quebec		2	1,024	132		1		8	1,167
Saskatchewan	3	49	222	76	44	26	29	2	451
Yukon	3	4	17	19	19	4	9	1	76
Grand Total	58	1,519	3,936	2,137	1,498	1,851	1,177	603	12,779

* As of June 10, 2015

(4) the number of firearms seized by the RCMP that were non-restricted, restricted and prohibited

	Non-restricted	Restricted	Prohibited	Grand Total
2008	250	72	32	354
2009	8,559	1,032	327	9,918
2010	9,863	1,492	539	11,894
2011	9,899	1,438	393	11,730
2012	6,996	1,112	360	8,468
2013	6,843	1,331	451	8,625
2014	6,254	1,069	411	7,734
2015*	2,701	440	164	3,305
Grand Total	51,365	7,986	2,677	62,028

* As of June 10, 2015

(5) the number of firearms seized by the RCMP that were handguns, long guns, sawn-offs and machine guns

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	Grand Total
Combination Gun	2	56	56	57	34	20	37	12	274
Commercial Version	2	3	14	10	12	18	14	2	75
Grenade Launcher									
Handgun	82	1,066	1,675	1,487	1,182	1,456	1,168	500	8,616
Machine Gun		10	11	9	7	4	10	2	53
Other		27	42	53	29	36	16	3	206
Rifle	181	6,123	6,924	7,063	5,031	4,903	4,547	1,966	36,738
Shotgun	85	2,619	3,158	3,035	2,161	2,178	1,927	813	15,976
Submachine Gun	2	14	14	16	12	8	15	6	87
Grand Total	354	9,918	11,894	11,730	8,468	8,625	7,734	3,305	62,028

* As of June 10, 2015

(6) any comparable statistics the RCMP holds with respect to firearms seized by other police services in Canada for each province and territory

This table shows the count of seized firearms seized by Public Agents that are police agencies that are not RCMP (i.e., it is the same as question (1) but for police other than RCMP).

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	Grand Total
Alberta	94	1,118	1,110	994	1,210	1,410	1,240	786	7,962
British Columbia	4	262	614	620	923	599	560	326	3,908
Manitoba	12	588	377	1,020	762	592	503	129	3,983
New Brunswick	2	265	318	165	131	148	162	52	1,243
Newfoundland and Labrador		119	90	89	58	108	139	16	619
Nova Scotia	78	347	581	473	573	500	588	98	3,238
Ontario	737	9,013	10,481	9,327	9,474	7,363	6,579	2,694	55,668
Prince Edward Island			1	1					2
Quebec	7	5,670	8,682	8,494	9,877	10,419	9,418	3,556	56,123
Saskatchewan		109	400	464	366	505	288	384	2,516
Grand Total	934	17,491	22,654	21,647	23,374	21,644	19,477	8,041	135,262

* As of June 10, 2015