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Mr. Dennis R. YOUNG
1330 Ravenswood Drive South East
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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 December 11, 2018, to obtain:

For each of the years 2016 and 2017 for each province/territory listed in Table 8 in the Firearms Commissioner's 2016 report to Parliament, please provide copies of records, reports, Briefing Notes and Advice to the Minister with the following statistics on the Firearms Interest Police (FIP) events:

- 1. The average time it took to initiate an investigation of a FIP event*
- 2. The average time it took to complete the investigation of a FIP event*
- 3. The number of FIP events that resulted in firearms being removed from possession of the licensed gun owner and*
- 4. For item 3 above average time it took from reporting of the FIP event to the firearms being removed from the possession of the licensed gun owner.*

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.

The Canadian Firearms Program does not track average times as each FIP event is handled on a case by case basis. In answer to question 3, this would need to be answered by the Police of jurisdiction. The Access to Information Act has established the right of applicants to access federally maintained records. The Act does not authorize the RCMP to search files or to disclose information belonging to other police forces.

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 Amanda Hansen at amanda.hansen@rcmp-grc.gc.ca. Please quote the file number appearing on this letter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Haye Supt".

Supt. Richard Haye
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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0R2

ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT

Access to Information Request Form

For official use only:

My File: 225

Federal Government Institution:

RCMP HQ OTTAWA & CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM

Details regarding the information being sought:

Reference is being made to:

(A) RCMP audit of the Canadian Firearms Program continuum of eligibility for firearms licensing

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/audit-the-canadian-firearms-program-continuum-eligibility-firearms-licensing>

(B) The Canadian Press article FIREARMS LICENCE SCREENING BACKLOGS POSE SAFETY RISKS: RCMP AUDIT – Excerpt: *However, there were "significant delays in both initiating investigations and in the duration of eligibility investigations themselves."* For the 27 files in the sample that were still under review, an average of 331 days had passed since the incident in question. By Jim Bronskill, The Canadian Press - Published Friday, November 16, 2018

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/firearms-licence-screening-backlogs-pose-safety-risks-rcmp-audit-1.4179698> and

(C) the Firearms Commissioner's 2016 Report to Parliament which states: **Continuous eligibility screening of firearms licence holders:** "The Canadian Firearms Information System (CFIS) contains current and historical firearms licence holder data. If a licence holder is involved in an event involving violence (or other offences specified in Section 5 of the Firearms Act), it is reported in CPIC via a Firearms Interest Police (FIP) event and sent to the relevant CFO for review. Licence holders are regularly screened to assess their continuous eligibility to remain licensed. There were 29,487 FIP events in 2016 that were matched to a person with a firearms licence (Table 8)."

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/2016-commissioner-firearms-report>

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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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[Original signed by]
Dennis R. Young

Date: November 19, 2018