



Airdrie, Alberta
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OPEN LETTER #4 TO SENATORS

RE: EVIDENCE LACKING ON HIGH, MEDIUM AND LOW PRIORITY GUN CONTROL TARGETS

HIGHEST PRIORITY GUN CONTROL TARGETS

Why are 443,043 convicted criminals prohibited from owning firearms by the courts allowed to roam Canada free of any of the government's gun control programs?

On November 24, 2004, Firearms Commissioner Bill Baker testified before the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights: **"On the change of address, if someone is prohibited from having a firearm in the country they are no longer effectively covered by the Firearms Act."** Maybe it's time they should.

APRIL 10, 2017 - HON. RALPH GOODALE (MINISTER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, LIB.): "Mr. Speaker, with regard to (a) and (b), the RCMP does not keep a list of individuals who are "potentially considered" to be too dangerous to own firearms."

Note #1: Government Response to MP Brad Trost's Order Paper Question No.887

Note #2: Potentially dangerous person variables listed in Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC)

- (i) Wanted for a violent criminal offence;
- (ii) Persons of interest to police;
- (iii) Violent persons;
- (iv) Known sex offenders;
- (v) Known prolific repeat, dangerous, or high-risk offenders;
- (vi) known persons who have been observed to have behaviours that may be dangerous to public safety;
- (vii) On probation or parole;
- (viii) Released on street enforceable conditions,
- (ix) Subject to a restraining order or peace bond;
- (x) Prohibited or refused firearms;
- (xi) Prohibited from hunting;
- (xii) Previously deported;
- (xiii) Subject to a protective order in any province in Canada;
- (xiv) Refused a firearms license or have had one revoked; and
- (xv) Red flagged in the Firearms Interest Police database.

JANUARY 30, 2017 - HOW EFFECTIVE IS THE GOVERNMENT'S ENFORCEMENT OF COURT ORDERED FIREARMS PROHIBITIONS? NOT VERY!

Note: Government Response to MP Brad Trost's Order Paper Question No.623

Evidence Not Available to Parliament from the RCMP Canadian Firearms Program!

- *The CFIS database does not capture information concerning the illegal acquisition of firearms by prohibited persons.*
- The average number of days it takes to get information about these firearms prohibition orders into the Canadian Firearms Information System and in police hands *could not be determined within the established timeline.*
- *The Canadian Firearms Program (CFP) is unable to provide information* on the average time it takes from when information about these firearms prohibition orders get into the hands of the police until the firearms and weapons are removed from the person's possession.
- *The CFP is unable to provide information* regarding periodic police searches conducted of the homes of persons subject to firearms prohibition orders to ensure that they haven't acquired firearms or other weapons illegally.
- Persons subject to a firearms prohibition order are required to turn in their Firearms Possession and Acquisition Licenses, Authorizations to Transport, Authorizations to Carry and Firearms Registration Certificates to authorities but tracking compliance is optional? *Seizure of a revoked firearms licence, registration certificate or authorization is the responsibility of the police service of local jurisdiction. As part of ongoing investigations, the CFO of jurisdiction or the Registrar of Firearms may follow up with the police of jurisdiction to ensure appropriate disposition of firearms or associated documentation.* [Emphasis added]
- *The CFP does not collect information* regarding the average number of days it takes to get information about license refusals and revocations into the hands of the Canadian Firearms Information System and front-line police personnel responsible for actual enforcement of these orders.
- *The CFP does not collect information* regarding the average time it takes between the time information about these license revocations gets to the hands of the police before the firearms and weapons are removed from the person's possession.
- *The CFP is unable to provide information* regarding periodic police searches conducted of the homes of individuals, who are subject to license revocations to ensure that they have surrendered all their firearms and haven't acquired firearms or other weapons illegally.
- What follow-up action is taken to ensure persons subject to firearms license revocations required to turn in their documentation such as Firearms Possession and Acquisition Licenses, Authorizations to Transport, Authorizations to Carry and Firearms Registration Certificates to authorities? *A summary of these practices across all police services could not be collected in the time allotted for this response.*

QUESTION: WHY DOES MINISTER GOODALE OPPOSE TRACKING THE CURRENT ADDRESSES OF THESE HIGH PRIORITY GUN CONTROL TARGETS?

NOVEMBER 5, 2018 - [GOODALE OPPOSES NEW LAW REQUIRING 422,887 CONVICTED CRIMINALS, PROHIBITED FROM OWNING FIREARMS BY THE COURTS TO REPORT THEIR CURRENT ADDRESSES TO POLICE](#)

"With respect to the recommendation that individuals who are subject to a weapons prohibition order be required to report any change of address, the criminal justice system does not generally keep track of a person who is not serving a sentence." Liberal Government response to House of Commons Firearms Petition e-1605 – November 5, 2018

QUESTION: WHY DO THE RCMP AND PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA NOT KEEP STATISTICS ON THESE HIGH PRIORITY GUN CONTROL TARGETS?

NOTE: The [RCMP Firearms Commissioner's Report for 2017](#) reported 443,043 convicted criminals prohibited from owning firearms.

OCTOBER 31, 2018 - PUBLIC SAFETY: NO RECORDS ON 422,887 CONVICTED CRIMINALS

PROHIBITED FROM OWNING GUNS BY THE COURTS – Response to Access to Information Act request dated October 25, 2018. Public Safety ATIP file A-2018-00216 received Oct 31, 2018 by Dennis R. Young

DECEMBER 19, 2018 - RCMP STATISTICS ON VIOLATIONS OF 422,887 FIREARM PROHIBITION

ORDERS - RCMP Response to Access to Information Act request dated December 11, 2018 – Received December 18, 2018 by Dennis R. Young

NO STATISTICS ON: the number who have violated their firearms prohibition order.

NO STATISTICS ON: how many of those violations involved a firearms crime.

NO INFORMATION ON: the measures the government has in place to monitor these 422,887 convicted criminals who have been prohibited from owning firearms.

NOVEMBER 9, 2018 - PETITION TO JUSTIN TRUDEAU: SHOULDN'T POLICE KNOW WHERE THESE

BAD GUYS WITH GUNS LIVE? Draft Motion for Parliament: *We residents of Canada call on the Government to pass a motion making it mandatory for judges when imposing a firearms prohibition order, as part of a criminal sentence, a protection order or restraining order, also make it mandatory for these persons to report any change of address to police and this information be made available to police in a database on CPIC (Canadian Police Information Centre).*

By Dennis R. Young – Change.org petition

SECOND HIGHEST PRIORITY GUN CONTROL TARGETS

29,487 Firearms Interest Police (FIP) Events in 2016. The number of FIP Events for 2017 not available

JANUARY 18, 2019 - RCMP: NO STATISTICS ON FIREARMS INTEREST POLICE (FIP) EVENTS

RCMP response to Access to Information Act Request dated January 11, 2019 - Received January 18, 2019

Important statistics about firearms license holders who are 'involved in an event involving violence or other offences' are not tracked.

- **NO STATISTICS ON:** the average time it took to initiate an investigation of a FIP event;
- **NO STATISTICS ON:** the average time it took to complete the investigation of a FIP event;
- **NO STATISTICS ON:** the number of FIP events that resulted in firearms being removed from possession of the licensed gun owner; and
- **NO STATISTICS ON:** the average time it took from reporting of the FIP event to the firearms being removed from the possession of the licensed gun owner.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

(A) [RCMP AUDIT OF THE CANADIAN FIREARMS PROGRAM CONTINUUM OF ELIGIBILITY FOR 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 The Canadian Press - Published Friday, November 16, 2018

(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).”

NOTE: The number of FIP Events in 2017 were not reported in the [RCMP Commissioner's 2017 Report to Parliament](#)

LOWEST PRIORITY GUN CONTROL TARGETS

More than two million licensed gun owners who have been tracked at a cost to taxpayers of more than \$1.6 billion dollars since 1995

ALL PARLIAMENTARIANS NEED CLEAR ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS

Question: What Do All Gun Control Programs Cost Taxpayers Annually?

Question: What Are the Enforcement, Compliance And Economic Costs?

Question: Has the Bill C-68 Regime Been More Effective than the previous Bill C-17 Regime?

Question: Have Gun Control Programs Reduced the Total Number of Homicides, Suicides & Violent Crime?

Question: Are Taxpayers Getting The Best Bang For Their Buck?

Question: Where Are The Value-For-Money Audits?

Question: [Where Are The Treasury Board Cost-Benefit Analyses?](#)

Question: [What Are The Benefits Of Gun Ownership?](#)

JANUARY 29, 2019 - [RCMP: FIREARMS PROGRAM SPENDING & STAFFING 2016/2017](#)

\$53.7 MILLION AND 451 FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS (FTE)

RCMP ATIP Response dated January 23, 2018 - Requested Dec 8, 2017 - Received January 29, 2019

JANUARY 25, 2019 - [WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE CANADA'S GUN CONTROL PROGRAMS ARE WORKING?](#) Maybe Senators can get the answers that my *Access to Information* requests can't?

By Dennis R. Young – Updated: January 25, 2019

DECEMBER 5, 2018 - EVIDENCE-BASED FIREARMS STATISTICS DESPERATELY NEEDED [IMPORTANT GUN CONTROL STATISTICS MISSING FROM RCMP FIREARMS COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT](#)

- The Liberal Government promised their policies and programs would be 'evidence-based'. Unfortunately, the base of 'evidence' in support of federal firearms programs is sorely lacking.

By Dennis R. Young - December 5, 2018

APRIL 2018 - [BRIEF TO STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND NATIONAL SECURITY RE: BILL C-71 AN ACT TO AMEND CERTAIN ACTS AND REGULATIONS IN RELATION TO FIREARMS](#)

by Caillin Langmann, M.D., Ph.D., FRCPC, ABEM Assistant Clinical Professor Department of Medicine McMaster University

MARCH 20, 2018 - [WHAT GOODALE'S 'GUNS AND GANGS SUMMIT' MISSED ALL TOGETHER](#)

- Little real evidence that Canada's gun control programs are working
- No Value-for-Money Audits - No Cost/Effectiveness Evaluations in the last 25 years!

By Dennis R. Young – March 20, 2018

JULY 16, 2015 - [DO TRIGGERS PULL FINGERS? A LOOK AT THE CRIMINAL MISUSE OF GUNS IN CANADA](#)

- "There is no convincing empirical research supporting the proposition that restricting general civilian access to firearms acts to reduce homicide rates."

by Dr. Gary Mauser - The MacKenzie Institute, Briefing Note 58 - July 16, 2015

FEBRUARY 25, 2014 - [MAINTAINING INFORMATION ON LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS ON CPIC SERVES NO LEGITIMATE PURPOSE](#) - Canadians who have a firearms licence are less than one-third as likely to commit murder as other Canadians. Statistics Canada data show that licensed gun owners have a homicide rate of 0.60 per 100,000 licensed gun owners between 1997 and 2010. Over the same period, the national homicide rate averaged 1.85 per 100,000. By Gary Mauser - Canada Free Press - February 25, 2014

FEBRUARY 10, 2012 - [CANADIAN FIREARMS LEGISLATION AND EFFECTS ON HOMICIDE 1974 TO 2008](#) - **This study failed to demonstrate a beneficial association between legislation and firearm homicide rates between 1974 and 2008.** Dr. Caillin Langmann - 2011 Journal of Interpersonal Violence 27(12) 2303– 2321

SUMMING UP

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's made great mileage with voters promising his government would be '[Open and Transparent](#)' and that all his policies and programs, including gun control, would be '[evidence-based](#)'. He has failed to keep either of these promises.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail.

Sincerely,

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OPEN LETTER #1 TO SENATORS

RE: [IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT BILL C-71 STILL NEED ANSWERS](#)

On April 25, 2018 Larry Maguire, MP for Brandon-Souris, introduced three Order Paper Questions in the House of Commons asking the Government some very important questions that need answers before Bill C-71 is made the law of the land. On June 11, 2018, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale tabled the Government's responses. The problem is many of the questions Larry Maguire asked of the government were left unanswered. By Dennis R. Young - Nov 18, 2018

OPEN LETTER #2 TO SENATORS

RE: [HOW MUCH DOES GOVERNMENT SPEND ON FIREARMS PROGRAMS?](#)

Parliament is still in the dark. By Dennis R. Young - November 25, 2018

OPEN LETTER #3 TO SENATORS

Re: [A THOUSAND GUNS REPORTED LOST BY OR STOLEN FROM POLICE AND THE MILITARY](#)

One would think it should be easy to obtain updated numbers from the RCMP on these lost and stolen firearms - it is not.

By Dennis R. Young - November 30, 2018