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A-2018-00397

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Mr. Dennis R. Young
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Dear Mr. Young:

This is in response to your request submitted under the *Access to Information Act* on January 25, 2019 for the following information:

"Details regarding the information being sought:

Reference is being made to the statistics in following article:

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CLARIFICATION RECEIVED on February 19 2019: CSC's reports to Treasury Board will suffice and your two definitions are fine with me"

Clarification: In addition to your request, we are also providing you with the response package to a similar request that has previously been released. (A-2018-00254: I request a breakdown of the CSC's recidivism rates for the last 30 years: 1988-2018. I request these statistics broken down by year and, if possible, per sentence (murder, assault, sexual assault, etc).

We have carefully searched our records and did not identify any records regarding your request. We regret that we are unable to respond more favourably to your request.

Please note that our Office of Primary Interest has advised that Correctional Service Canada (CSC) does not report on recidivism because there is no universally agreed upon definition of recidivism and that CSC does not have ready access to all of the data needed to properly attempt to measure recidivism.

Please be advised that you are entitled to lodge a complaint 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: Information Commissioner of Canada, 30 Victoria Street, Gatineau, Québec K1A 1H3.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Eunice Duodu at 613-992-0906.

Sincerely,

Sarah Huntie

fr Stéphane Brisson
Director

A-2018-00254 – Recidivism Rates

Request:

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Modification to the request

Further to email exchanges between the requester and the ATIP office, the request has been modified to seek to obtain 10 years of data on CSC's performance indicators that touch on some aspects of recidivism, namely:

- Number of offenders on conditional release successfully reaching warrant expiry date without re-admission
- Rate of convictions on supervision for minor/moderate offenses per 1,000 offenders
- Rate of convictions on supervision for serious or violent offenses per 1,000 offenders
- Rate of convictions on supervision for offenses resulting in death per 1,000 offenders
- Number of offenders not readmitted to federal custody within five years following sentence expiry date

Response:

The following table presents the total number of offenders who reached their sentence expiry date without experiencing a revocation, new charge, or conviction while on supervision in the community per the total number of offenders who reached their sentence expiry date. The data are presented over a ten-year period between fiscal year 2008-2009 and mid-year 2018-2019.

In *Community Under Supervision* includes all active offenders on day parole, full parole, statutory release, in the community supervised on a long term supervision order, offenders who are temporarily detained in a non-CSC facility, offenders who are unlawfully at large for less than 90 days, offenders on remand in a non-CSC facility, and offenders supervised and subject to an immigration hold by Canada Border Services Agency.

A fiscal year starts on April 1 and ends on March 31 of the following year. Fiscal mid-year ends on September 30.

Fiscal Year	The Number of Offenders on Conditional Release Successfully Reaching Warrant Expiry Date Without Re-Admission (No Revocations, Charges, or Conviction)	
	Successfully Reached Warrant Expiry	Total Reached Warrant Expiry
2008-2009	2,249	4,666
2009-2010	2,278	4,800
2010-2011	2,369	4,570
2011-2012	2,490	4,588
2012-2013	2,576	4,817
2013-2014	2,510	4,667
2014-2015	2,554	4,641
2015-2016	2,628	4,639
2016-2017	2,764	4,697
2017-2018	2,872	4,672
2018-2019*	1,341	2,221

(Source: Performance Direct. Data are current up to the end of each fiscal year.)

* Results current to mid-year

The following table presents the number of minor or moderate convictions incurred by offenders during supervision per 1,000 offenders supervised in the community, as per Tier 1 of the Community Convictions Pyramid. The data are presented over a ten-year period between fiscal year 2008-2009 and mid-year 2018-2019.

Minor or moderate convictions on supervision include any offence listed on Schedule II of the Criminal Code of Canada Offence Schedule (drug-related offences) as well as any non-scheduled offences.

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remand in a non-CSC facility, and offenders supervised and subject to an immigration hold by Canada Border Services Agency.

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Rate of Convictions on Supervision for Minor/Moderate Offences per 1,000 Offenders			
Fiscal Year	Minor/Moderate Offence Convictions	Community Total	Rate/1,000
2008-2009	2,309	7,912	291.8
2009-2010	1,875	7,880	237.9
2010-2011	1,781	7,834	227.3
2011-2012	1,714	7,757	221.0
2012-2013	1,462	7,658	190.9
2013-2014	1,747	7,857	222.3
2014-2015	1,475	8,075	182.7
2015-2016	1,490	8,345	178.6
2016-2017	1,296	8,886	145.8
2017-2018	1,450	9,131	158.8
2018-2019 *	640	9,309	137.5

(Source: Performance Direct. Data are current up to the end of each fiscal year.)

* Results current to mid-year. Rate per 1,000 is annualised.

The following table presents the number of serious convictions incurred by offenders during supervision per 1,000 offenders supervised in the community, as per Tier 2 of the Community Convictions Pyramid. The data are presented over a ten-year period between fiscal year 2008-2009 and mid-year 2018-2019.

Serious convictions on supervision include any offence listed on Schedule I of the Criminal Code of Canada Offence Schedule (serious or violent offences).

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Rate of Convictions on Supervision for Serious or Violent Offences, per 1,000 Offenders			
Fiscal Year	Serious/Violent Offence Convictions	Community Total	Rate/1,000
2008-2009	464	7,912	58.6
2009-2010	527	7,880	66.9
2010-2011	421	7,834	53.7
2011-2012	394	7,757	50.8
2012-2013	316	7,658	41.3
2013-2014	278	7,857	35.4
2014-2015	228	8,075	28.2
2015-2016	239	8,345	28.6
2016-2017	344	8,886	38.7
2017-2018	213	9,131	23.3
2018-2019 *	144	9,309	30.9

(Source: Performance Direct. Data are current up to the end of each fiscal year.)

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The following table presents the number of convictions (based on offences resulting in death) incurred by offenders during supervision per 1,000 offenders supervised in the community, as per Tier 3 of the Community Convictions Pyramid. The data are presented over a ten-year period between fiscal year 2008-2009 and mid-year 2018-2019.

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Offences resulting in death include manslaughter, Murder I, and Murder II.

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Rate of Convictions on Supervision for Offences Resulting in Death, per 1,000 Offenders			
Fiscal Year	Offences Resulting in Death Convictions	Community Total	Rate/1,000
2008-2009	38	7,912	4.80
2009-2010	9	7,880	1.14
2010-2011	4	7,834	0.51
2011-2012	5	7,757	0.64
2012-2013	6	7,658	0.78
2013-2014	5	7,857	0.64
2014-2015	3	8,075	0.37
2015-2016	4	8,345	0.48
2016-2017	9	8,886	1.01
2017-2018	5	9,131	0.55
2018-2019 *	1	9,309	0.21

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The following table presents the total number of offenders not readmitted to federal custody on a new sentence within five years following the sentence expiry date of the previous sentence per the total number of offenders who reached sentence expiry date. The data are presented over a ten-year period between fiscal year 2008-2009 and mid-year 2018-2019.

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The Number of Offenders not Readmitted to Federal Custody within 5 Years Following Sentence Expiry Date		
Fiscal Year	Not Readmitted within 5 Years	Total Reached Sentence Expiry
2003-2004	3,595	4,431
2004-2005	3,601	4,476
2005-2006	3,623	4,500
2006-2007	3,691	4,537
2007-2008	3,738	4,659
2008-2009	4,005	4,840
2009-2010	4,169	5,007
2010-2011	4,021	4,780
2011-2012	4,042	4,772
2012-2013	4,285	4,998
2013-2014	2,062	2,423

(Source: Performance Direct. Data are current up to the end of each fiscal year.)

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- a Canadian citizen, permanent resident or another individual present in Canada, or
 a corporation present in Canada

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Signature: _____
Dennis R. Young

Date: January 19, 2019