



**TREASURY BOARD: FIREARMS LAWS COST-BENEFIT ANALYSES STILL A CABINET SECRET**  
By Dennis R. Young – February 5, 2020

**“The government's Bill C-68 Cost-Benefit Analysis has been a Cabinet Secret since 2003.”**  
Letter to Auditor General Sheila Fraser by MP Garry Breitkreuz - May 31, 2006

**WORDING OF ORIGINAL ACCESS REQUEST – MY FILE: 232 – JANUARY 27, 2020**

Reference is being made to the attached Firearms Program Background Information on Government Cost-Benefit Analysis Policies, Directives and Guidelines. <https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Background-Info-Cost-Benefit-Policies-and-Directives.pdf>

**For the period from 1993 to present, please provide copies of all Cost-Benefit Analyses conducted on firearms legislation, regulations, policies and programs.**

**TREASURY BOARD SECRETARIAT RESPONSE ATIP FILE: A-2018-01218 – FEBRUARY 5, 2020**

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Subject: TBS Response to your ATIP request: A-2018-01218 / TG

Dear Mr. Young:

This is in reply to your request submitted under the *Access to Information Act* (the *Act*), for the following:

**“For the period from 1993 to present, please provide copies of all Cost-Benefit Analyses conducted on firearms legislation, regulations, policies and programs.”**

Upon examination, it has been determined that all of the information (465 pages) relevant to your request is excluded from disclosure pursuant to paragraph: 69(1)(g)re(f) of the *Act* (attached).

If you have not already done so, we would recommend submitting your request with Public Safety Canada and Global Affairs Canada.

Please be advised that you are entitled to file a complaint with the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada concerning the processing of your request within 60 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:

Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada  
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Gatineau, Quebec K1A 1H3

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Tyler Goff at 343-550-0026 or toll free at 1-866-312-1511 or by email at [tyler.goff@tbs-sct.gc.ca](mailto:tyler.goff@tbs-sct.gc.ca).

Yours sincerely,

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Access to Information Act: <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/A-1/page-1.html>

**Confidences of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada**

- **69 (1)** This Part does not apply to confidences of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada, including, without restricting the generality of the foregoing,
  - (a) memoranda the purpose of which is to present proposals or recommendations to Council;
  - (b) discussion papers the purpose of which is to present background explanations, analyses of problems or policy options to Council for consideration by Council in making decisions;
  - (c) agenda of Council or records recording deliberations or decisions of Council;
  - (d) records used for or reflecting communications or discussions between ministers of the Crown on matters relating to the making of government decisions or the formulation of government policy;
  - (e) records the purpose of which is to brief ministers of the Crown in relation to matters that are before, or are proposed to be brought before, Council or that are the subject of communications or discussions referred to in paragraph (d);
  - (f) draft legislation; and
  - (g) records that contain information about the contents of any record within a class of records referred to in paragraphs (a) to (f).

**FIREARMS PROGRAM BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
GOVERNMENT COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS POLICIES, DIRECTIVES & GUIDELINES**

Prepared by Dennis R. Young – January 26, 2019

**TREASURY BOARD: CABINET DIRECTIVE ON REGULATION**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/federal-regulatory-management/guidelines-tools/cabinet-directive-regulation.html>

**TREASURY BOARD: POLICY ON COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS**

<https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/services/federal-regulatory-management/guidelines-tools/policy-cost-benefit-analysis.html>

**TREASURY BOARD: CANADIAN COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS GUIDE**

<https://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/rtrap-parfa/analys/analys-eng.pdf>

**MARCH 31, 2003 - GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO RELEASE "MAJOR ADDITIONAL COSTS" FOR  
FIREARMS PROGRAM IDENTIFIED BY THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

Justice Minister's Response to MP Garry Breitkreuz's Order Paper Question No. 159

<http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/questions/mar-31-2003-written.htm>

**FEBRUARY 27, 2003 - MP GARRY BREITKREUZ NEWS RELEASE**

**NO REAL COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS OF GUN REGISTRY HAS EVER BEEN COMPLETED**

**"Government of Canada Regulatory Policy approved by Cabinet in 1999 has never been followed."**

<http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/breitkreuzgpress/guns77.htm>

**MAY 11, 2001 - MP GARRY BREITKREUZ NEWS RELEASE  
GOVERNMENT REFUSES TO TELL US THE ECONOMIC COST OF THE GUN REGISTRY**

<http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/breitkreuzgpress/Guncontrol41.htm>

**JULY 27, 1998 - MP GARRY BREITKREUZ NEWS RELEASE  
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FIREARM REGULATIONS FAIL TREASURY BOARD POLICIES  
"Vital information about costs and benefits has been intentionally withheld from the public."**

<http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/breitkreuzgpress/fire19.html>

**PUBLIC SAFETY CANADA BACKGROUNDER ON FIREARMS PROGRAM COSTS  
EXCERPT: "Two Library of Parliament studies estimate that the enforcement and compliance costs are substantial, running into the hundreds of millions of dollars."**

<https://dennisryoung.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Backgrounder-on-Firearms-Programs-Costs.pdf>

**MP GARRY BREITKREUZ FIREARMS FACTS - UPDATE  
DO THE LIBERALS EVEN KNOW WHAT THE BENEFITS OF GUN OWNERSHIP ARE?**

<http://cssa-cila.org/garryb/publications/Article149.htm>