

Airdrie, Alberta
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MY FILE: 060

Ms. Suzanne Legault
The Information Commissioner of Canada
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Dear Ms. Legault:

Re: MISSING RECORDS COMPLAINT - RCMP FILE: A-2014-01213

Please find attached a copy of my original *Access to Information Act* request dated February 21, 2014 and the RCMP's 155-page response I received on diskette on March 30, 2015. This documentation has been provided in this link:

<https://nfa.ca/sites/default/files/RCMP%20ATIP%20Response%20-%20A-2014-01213%20-%202015%20pages%20-%20Mar%2021%20-%202015.pdf>

As you can see I've waited for more than a year to receive a response to this request. I suspect they were delaying release of this information until the report on the High River Gun Grab had been released by the [Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP](#). That having been said, I wish to complain about the records that are missing from the RCMP's response.

The RCMP's "Response to ATIP Request # A-2013-04535/F141" was sent to me by mistake. As you know, it is highly irregular for any federal department or agency to respond to questions posed in an *Access to Information Act* request. Posing questions to Ministers and departmental officials is usually reserved for MPs and Senators through the Parliamentary Order Paper Questions process. Having filed more than 700 ATIP requests, I have always understood that departments would provide records but never answer questions. I was mystified why the original requestor in this instance received such special treatment. The only conclusion I can reach is that the RCMP were going to great lengths to get out their version of events in High River. The lack of documentation I received in response to my request has not changed my opinion.

It's obvious, from my analysis of the 155-pages of records (that included 137 pages of handwritten notes) I received in response to my ATIP request, that no one would have been able to prepare the detailed responses to the twelve questions in RCMP file A-2013-04535/F141. The RCMP's response to the twelve questions were prepared almost like talking points for a Minister or Senior RCMP officers replying to media requests. Whoever prepared the answers to these twelve questions did not rely solely on the 155 pages I received. In fact, there must have been a large number of RCMP personnel involved in drafting and approving these answers. I can only conclude that I did not receive all the records and documents that were used in preparing the responses to these twelve questions.

Finally, we now know, based on witness testimony and the RCMP Public Complaints Commission High River report, that a number of the answers provided were/are incorrect. I will be providing a further commentary to point out these inconsistencies. Thanks for your help to get the documentation required to complete my investigation.

Yours sincerely,

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Honourable Steven Blaney, Minister of Public Safety
Honourable Peter Mackay, Minister of Justice
Ian McPhail, Chair, Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP