

RCMP ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT PARTIAL RESPONSE
NUMBER OF PERSONS CONSIDERED TOO DANGEROUS TO OWN FIREARMS
RCMP ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DATED: AUGUST 4, 2011 RCMP FILE #: GA-3951-3-3927/11

WORDING OF ORIGINAL ATI REQUEST SUBMITTED TO RCMP (July 22, 2011)

Reference is being made to the Minister's response tabled in the House of Commons to Order Paper Question #7 on Friday, May 12, 2006 (copy attached).
http://www.garrybreitkreuz.com/inthehouse/Questions/2006/may_12b.htm

Please provide updated statistics showing the number of individuals in Canada who are considered too dangerous to own firearms including: (a) number of convicted violent criminals currently on parole; (b) number of persons prohibited from owning guns; (c) number of persons with an outstanding criminal arrest warrant; (d) number of persons charged with a violent criminal offence that are out on bail; (e) number of persons with a restraining order against them; (f) number of persons that have had their firearms licence refused or revoked; and (g) number of firearms licence holders that are under investigation for violent or unsafe incidents that may result in their firearms licence being revoked?

DELAY COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE INFO. COMMISSIONER (October 22, 2011)

Please find attached a copy of my original request dated July 22, 2011 and the RCMP acknowledgement letter dated August 4, 2011. I wish to file a complaint about the length of time it is taking for the RCMP to respond to this complaint. The information is readily available and there is no obvious reason for them to withhold it.

COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE INFO. COMMISSIONER (November 6, 2011)

Please find attached a copies of the following documentation:

- (1) My original ATI Act request dated July 22, 2011.
- (2) The RCMP acknowledgement letter dated August 4, 2011.
- (3) My delay complaint filed October 22, 2011.
- (4) The RCMP letter requesting a 10-day extension dated October 28, 2011.
- (5) The RCMP non-response letter dated October 28, 2011.

I wish to complain about the unnecessary delay in responding to my request and the lack of diligence with which the RCMP responded to my request.

With respect to Item (a) of my request, the RCMP failed to provide any information about the number of violent criminals currently out on parole.

With respect to Item (b) of my request the RCMP failed to provide the current number of persons prohibited from owning/possessing firearms. Providing a link to the 2009 Firearms Commissioner's Report with two-year-old data is unacceptable. Please note that the Public Safety Minister's May 12, 2006 response to MP Garry Breitkreuz's Order Paper Question No. 7: *b) the RCMP can only provide information on the number of records within CPIC where persons are prohibited from possessing a*

firearm, not the number prohibited from owning a firearm. The number of records entered on CPIC for “prohibited from possessing firearms” is 201,097.

My request would be satisfied if the RCMP had provided the up-to-date number.

With respect to Item (c) of my request the RCMP failed to provide any information about the number of persons with an outstanding criminal arrest warrant.

With respect to Item (d) of my request the RCMP failed to provide any information about the number of persons charged with a violent criminal offence that are out on bail.

With respect to Item (e) of my request the RCMP failed to provide any information about the number of persons with a restraining order against them. Please note that the Public Safety Minister’s May 12, 2006 response to MP Garry Breitkreuz’s Order Paper Question No. 7: *e) There are 161,916 records on CPIC for probation category with recognizance orders. These orders include peace bonds (not of a criminal nature), recognizance and restraining orders.*

My request would be satisfied if the RCMP had provided the up-to-date number.

With respect to Item (f) of my request the RCMP failed to provide any information about the number of persons that have had their firearms licence refused and revoked, instead the RCMP referred me to the Canadian Firearms Centre’s website. The report referred to by the RCMP provided information on refused and revoked licences for each year back to 2005 - not the total since they started keeping records. I was asking for an update of the Minister’s 2006 response to Order Paper Question No. 7 that stated: *f) As of March 31, 2006, there have been 6,311 licence applications refused and 10,915 licences revoked.*

My request would be satisfied if the RCMP had provided the up-to-date number.

With respect to Item (g) the RCMP stated: “Please be advised that no report is available for the number of firearms licence holders that are under investigation for violent or unsafe incidents that may result in their firearms licence being revoked.” This statement is untrue as the Minister’s 2006 response to Order Paper Question No. 7 proves: *g) As of March 31, 2006, 11,050 licence holders were under investigation for incidents that may result in their firearms licence being revoked.*

My request would be satisfied if the RCMP had provided the up-to-date number.

Thanks for all your help.

PARTIAL REPLY FROM RCMP (Dated: Nov. 8, 2011 Received Nov 16, 2011)

“The following information was taken from the most recent CPIC stat report available dated 2011-10-08. The numbers reflect the entries on CPIC at a specific date/time and it should be noted that the numbers change continually as CPIC agencies add, modify and remove records on an ongoing basis.

My Item (b): Number of persons prohibited from owning guns

- 324,723 Prohibited Firearms records on CPIC

My Item (c): Number of persons with an outstanding criminal arrest warrant

- 177,326 Canada wide Wanted records plus 88,995 Province wide

- Total Warrants = 266,281

My Item (d): Number of persons charged with a violent offence that are out on bail

- The RCMP is unable to provide this information as CPIC does not maintain this statistical information.

NOTE: Anyone wanting more information about this *Access to Information Act* request please contact: Dennis R. Young: dhyoung@shaw.ca
